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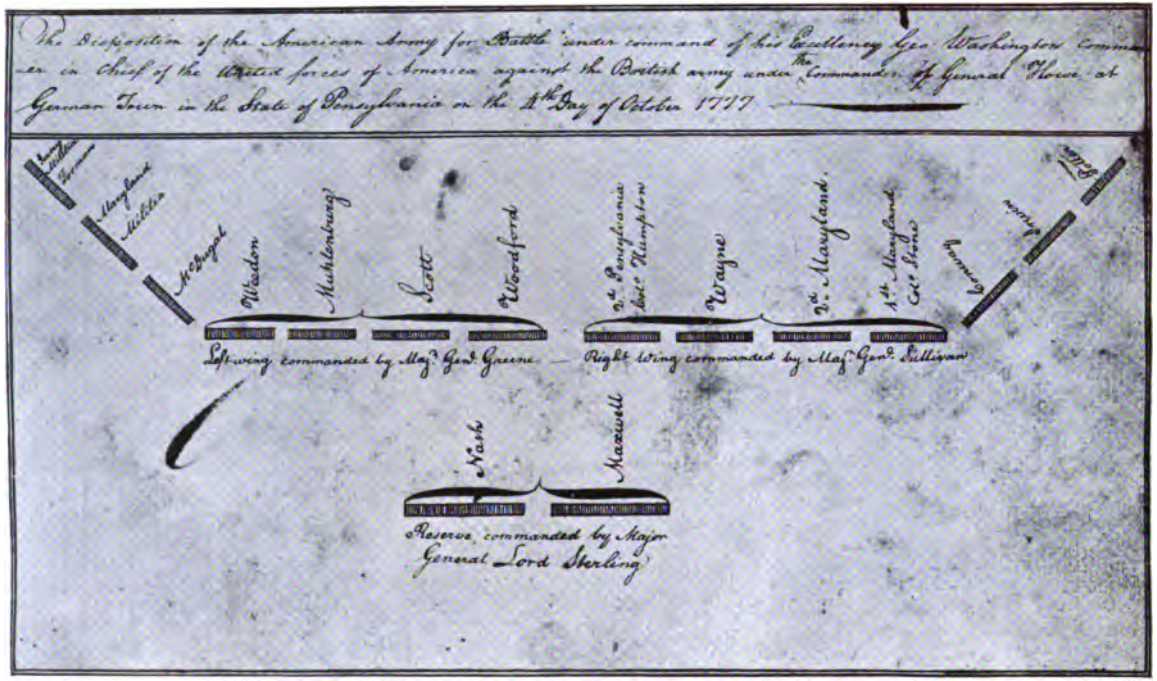

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Prefatory Note

GEN. GEORGE WEEDON, whose orderly book during the campaign of 1777-78 is herewith for the first time published, at the beginning of the war of the Revolution was an innkeeper, living in Fredericksburg, Virginia, where he was born in 1730, and where he died in 1790. He entered the service early, and was commissioned Lieutenant Colonel of the Third Virginia regiment in February, 1776, and later held the same rank in the First Virginia Regiment. He was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General February 23, 1777. He served in Greene's division at Brandywine and Germantown, and he was at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown in 1781.

This book, though described by James Mease as an "Orderly Book at Valley Forge," is much more extended in its scope. Opening at the camp at Neshaminy in Bucks County, Penna., August 20, 1777, it shows the movements of the army through Philadelphia to Brandywine, and the incidents at the various camps at Wilmington, Falls of Schuylkill, Pennypacker's Mills on the Perkiomen, where

a council of war determined to risk another battle, Skippack, and Valley Forge, where it closes May 7, 1778.

It details the events of the battles of Brandywine, Warren Tavern, Germantown, and Whitemarsh, in which last engagement, so entirely overlooked by our historians, the skill and courage of Washington were more conspicuously displayed than perhaps in any other conflict of the campaign, and were successful in driving Howe with considerable loss from the field. It contains the plans of no less than three battles, with some diagrams illustrating them, and the orders relating to Germantown issued at Skippack, heretofore unknown, of the most serious importance in the study of that engagement. Most of the records of this character are very meagre in their details, but this book throws a flood of light upon the life of the army, the kind of bread and other food used, the markets, the manner of drumming a delinquent out of camp, the method of dealing with the itch, the prevention of diseases caused by filth, and the celebration of victories. We are told that each man must come to parade "having his Beard shaved, Hair combd, face washed, and Cloathes put on in the best manner in his power," and that after the battle of Brandywine, in anticipation of another engagement, the General divested himself of all baggage, retaining nothing but his blankets.

When it is remembered that the possession of Philadelphia, the leading city of the colonies

and the Seat of Congress, was regarded as of supreme consequence both by the heads of government and the leaders of the armies, that all the efforts of Howe were directed to its capture, and those of Washington to its defence, and that this volume covers almost the entire period of this vital campaign, as well as the later winter encampment at Valley Forge, the value of the contribution to American history may be understood.

Col. Hugh Mercer, the nephew of Gen. Weedon, directed the deposit of the volume with the American Philosophical Society, and it is now published under the auspices of that venerable and influential institution of learning.

SAML. W. PENNYPACKER.

Sept. 1, 1901.

Later Memoranda Written in the Volume

THIS orderly book of the American Army under the immediate Command of General Washington belonged to Major General Weedon of Virginia, and at my request was presented to me by his Nephew, Col. Hugh Mercer of Fredericksburg, promising him, but of my own accord, to present it to the American Philosophical Society, as by this writing I now do. In consideration however of its value, and that another Copy in all probability is not to be found, or certainly not to be obtained, M[r] Mercer and myself stipulate that it must never be permitted to be taken from the hall.

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My dear Sir,

I SHALL ever have a lively & grateful recollection of your polite & kind attentions to me, during my late Sojourn in your charming City- & I should be much gratified by an opportunity of reciprocating your Friendship, under my own roof here-

I hope you have received from Dr James Mease, the "Journal of the Camp at Valley Forge," when the army was in Winter Quarters, — as that Gentleman promised you verbally & in writing, when I was lately in Philad[a] If Dr M — has not yet left it with you, as I sent it to him 7 or 8 years ago, with the letters to & from my uncle Gen[l] Geo Weedon of the army, on those conditions, (which letters I was happy to find in your Care, as Librarian of the American Philosophical Society) I will thank you to shew this letter to him with my earnest request, that the "*Journal*" be handed you *immediately*, to be deposited *in my name* with the letters, among the archives of the Society, of which you are the Zealous & attentive manager & Librarian-

Those were the terms, which Dr Mease will recollect well, upon which I confided to him these precious revolutionary Relicks, some years ago, — & I will not doubt but that he will without longer delay comply with my wishes as well as your own- I shall be happy to hear from you, after the Journal has been

committed to your care by Dr Mease- & remain,

my dear Sir,
with high respect,
yr friend &&c, —
HUGH MERCER

I believe you made a record in one of your books, or I did it at your request the morning I had the pleasure to breakfast with you, of the interesting fact, that my honored & lamented father & Gen[l] Geo. Weedon who was my second father, (I being but 5 months old when my father fell at Princeton) married Sisters-

To
JOHN VAUGHAN esqr
Philad[a].

Orderly Book of the AMERICAN ARMY *at Valley Forge under command of* GEORGE WASHINGTON

Hd. Qrs. 20 Augt. 1777 — *Gn O—*

Parole . . Norway . . *C Signs* Norfolk-Norwich —

Majr. Genl. tomorrow . . . . . STIRLING —
Brigr . . . . . MUHLENBURG —
Field: . . . . . Lt Cols. FEBIGGER & BAYARD
Brigade Major . . . . . DAY

THE order by which Col. Armands Corps was annex'd to Genl. Conways Brigade is Countermanded — The Commander in Chief is pleas'd to approve the following Sentences of a Genl. Ct. Martial held the 18th. Inst. whereof Col. M:Clenaghan was Prest. Viz.... Lieut. Ambrose Crane of Col. Stewarts Regt. charg'd with breaking his former Arrest & going to Phila. in Company with two Offrs. of same Regt. likewise under Arrest without Col Stewarts knowledge or Permission — Pleaded Guilty — Sentenc'd to be Cashier'd —

Lt. Benjamin Hoomes of 2d. V Regt. charg'd with behaving in a manner unbecoming an Officer & a Gentleman — The Court Unanimously acquitted the Prisoner of the Charge exhibited against him —

Jacob Moon Pay Mast. to 14th. V Regt. charg'd with ungentlemanlike behaviour &

Defrauding the Soldrs out of their Pay,— found guilty of Ungentlemanlike behaviour in giving the Lie to Ensigns Washnam & Moore & not guilty of Defrauding the Soldrs out of their Pay — Sentenc'd to be Reprimanded by the Col. in presence of the Officers of the Regt he belongs to —

Such Offrs as have not yet settled their Ration Accts are Notified — that Mr Bates is oblig'd to leave Camp the 1st of Septr and that those Accts which are not brought in by that time cannot be settled on this side Hartford — Qur Masrs who are not acquainted with the form of a Ration Abstract may have one from Mr Bates —

B. . O-

Field Offr for the Brigade to morrow Lt Col. Willis
Adjt . . . . . Overton —

G. . O-

Head Qurs 21st Augt 1777 —

Parole *C Signs*

Major Genl to morrow — . . . . . Greene —
Brigr . . . . . Woodford
Field Offrs Col. Broadhead & Lt Col. Taliaferro
B Major . . . . . Day

THE whole Army is to march to-morrow morning, The Genl is to beat at half after three, the troop at half past four & at 5 oClock the Army is to begin their march, The Majr Genls QM Gl & Commy Gl will receive their orders at Head Qurs at 5 oClock this Afternoon, An Orderly Man from each Regt of Horse to attend at the

same time for orders, Genl Lincolns Division to relieve the Cattle guard this afternoon as soon as possible —

D. . O-

Every thing to be in readiness to march early to morrow morning agreeable to the orders of the Day — The Commanding Offrs of Regts are to see that their Regts are properly furnish'd with baggage Waggons & that those Waggons are Well provided with Horses, The Commanding Offrs of the Artillery of each Brigade will take care that their Pieces & Ammunition Waggons are well found, Those Regts that have Sick, Incapable of marching must apply to Col. Abeell & QM Gl for Waggons to transport them in, Such as ought to be sent to the Hospital to be by the Surgeons of the Regts immediately reported to the Director of the flying Hospital —

It is expected after this notice every thing will be in readiness for the march without Confusion or Delay — The Genl observes with concern, many Centries sitting on their Posts, a Practice no less dangerous than disgraceful & considering the severity of the Punishment Inflicted on those found sleeping on their Posts it cannot be too carefully guarded against & more especially as it is consider'd an Evident mark of want of Discipline.

N Greene, *M. Gl* —

B. . O-

Such Regiments as have not Provisions for to morrow are to Draw this afternoon. The Qr

Mas.r & Waggon Mas.r are to see that nothing is wanting in their Departments, No Officers or Sold.rs to be absent from Camp on any pretence whatever — L.t Apperson of 6.th V Reg.t at the request of L.t Stubblefield as a proper Person for the purpose of Inspecting the Provisions Drawn by the Brigade is appointed to relieve him from that Duty —

G. . A. O

H.d Qu.rs 21.st Aug.t 77

The Army is to remain in its present Encampment till further orders.

G. . O-

H.d Qu.rs 22.d Aug.t 77

Major Gen.l to morrow . . . . . STEPHENS
Brig.r . . . . . WEEDON
F.d Off.rs . . . COL. FRAZER. MAJOR CRAWFORD
B. . Major . . . . . PEERS —

THE Brig.r & Off.rs commanding Brigades are to Assemble to morrow morning at Nine oClock at the Tavern at the Cross roads to consider the Reports made to them relative to the prices of Liquors sold by the Suttlers & to give their opinion upon the matter to the Commander in Chief pursuant to the General orders of the 11.th Inst. —

The Commander in Chief approves the following Sentences of a Gen.l Court Martial held the 19.th 20.th & 21.st Inst. whereof Col. M.c Celnaghan was Pres.t — Captain Crump of the 1.st V. Reg.t charg'd with wantonly ordering L.t

Smith under an arrest when he knew he was executing the Generals orders for which he has been acquitted by a General Ct. Martial & for afterwards attempting to Vindicate his Conduct by giving in false Evidence to the Court declaring he did not know he was acting as Brigade Major to Genl. Muhlenburg at that time, Acquitted

Brigade Major Swaine charg'd with repeated neglect of Duty, particularly in not attending for orders the 17th Inst. in proper time, by which means His Excellency's Intentions who had order'd Straw & Rum to be furnish'd the Men were entirely frustrated & the Soldiery, particularly the Sick, was left expos'd to the Inclemency of the Wheather in a much greater degree for the want of those necessaries — Found guilty of repeated neglect of Duty & not guilty of the remaining part of the charge, Sentenc'd to be reprimanded in Genl. orders — The Commander in Chief regrets that he is so frequently oblig'd to censure Offrs. in Genl. orders for neglect of Duty & other offences and wishes earnestly that by an attentive & punctual discharge of their Duty they would save him from a task so painful & disagreeable, Officers shd. in their conduct set examples before the men of Diligence & a strict compliance to every order —

Delays are always dangerous, & in the Military service often attended with the most fatal consequences, especially must they be so — in Officers on whom the Distribution of

Gen.l orders depends — The Gen.l at the same time thanks those Officers whose regard for the good of the service leads them to bring delinquents to Justice & assures them that such conduct will ever meet his warm approbation and adds positively that for any future remissness in Brigade Majors in any part of their Duty He will certainly suspend them till the pleasure of Congress respecting them be known as there is no possibility of conducting the affairs of an Army without the greatest punctuality in the performance of the Duties of their Department —

George Bignal of 10.th V Reg.t charg'd with Desertion, No witnesses appearing against the Prisoner, The Court order'd him to be releas'd from his confinement for the present — Adam Close of 6.th V Reg.t charg'd with Desertion, No witnesses appearing against the Prisoner, The Court order'd him to be sent to his Company — John Brumtler of 10.th V Reg.t charg'd with Sleeping on his Post while on Centry over Prisoners, Pleaded guilty & was sentenc'd to receive Twenty Lashes on his bare back —

Edward Mealy of Captain Tho.s Birds Company, charg'd with Desertion order'd by the Court to be sent to his Company — James Byrne of Col. Stewarts Reg.t charg'd with Desertion, order'd by the Court to be sent to his Compy

As the Congress never have & the Gen.l is persuaded never do Intend to give Rank to

any of the Waggon Mas.ⁿ in this Army, except the Waggon Mas.ʳ Gen.ˡ, They are order'd not to Assume the title of Majors Captains &c. but to be Distinguish'd by the names of Division or Brigade Waggon Mas.ⁿ as the case may happen to be, Waggon Mas.ⁿ are useful in every Army & will be supported in all their Just Priviledges, but the way for them to obtain respect is by a diligent & faithful discharge of their respective Duties without favour or Affection to any one — This order is to extend to Persons in every other Department who have not rank given to them by their Commissions or appointments by Congress — The Commander in Chief has the happiness to Inform the Army of a Signal Victory obtain'd at the Northward — A part of Gen.ˡ Burgoynes Army ab.ᵗ 1500 in number was Detach'd towards New Hampshire with a Design to possess themselves of Bennington. Brig.ʳ Gen.ˡ Stark of the State of New Hampshire with about 2000 men mostly Militia Attack'd them, Our Troops behav'd in a brave & Heroic manner they push'd the Enemy from one Work to another thrown up on advantageous ground & from different Posts with Spirit & fortitude until they gain'd a compleat victory over them — The following is a List of the Prisoners, Kill'd & Wounded Viz.ᵗ 1 L.ᵗ Col. 1 Major 5 Captains 12 L.ᵗˢ 4 Ensigns 2 Cornets 1 Judge Advocate 1 Baron 2 Canadian off.ʳˢ & 3 Surgeons 37 Brittish Sold.ʳˢ 398 Hessians, 38 Canadians & 151

Tories taken Prisoners — The number of Wounded exclusive of the above are about 80, The number of the Enemy who were Slain has not been ascertain'd but is suppos'd to be about 200. — Their Artillery consisting of 4 Brass field pieces with a considerable quantity of Baggage likewise fell into our hands, Our loss consists of about 20 or 30 killd & perhaps 50 wounded — The Army is to march to morrow morning if it sh^{d} not rain — precisely in the time & manner appointed in the orders of Yesterday —

The two Divisions which go to Corryells ferry, will march in this order — Genl Greene's first then Genl Stephens's & then the baggage of both Divisions in the same order as the Divisions march, Genl Greene will order an advanc'd Guard from his Division & Genl Stephens a rear Guard from his Division — Each Guard to be under the Command of a Field officer. The officer commanding the rear Guard will Detach a Subaltern & 30 Men to follow in the rear of the Baggage to pick up all Stragglers who escape the rear Guard & to see that the Sick & lame are not neglected but properly dispos'd of among the Waggons —

B. O.

Brigade Field Off^{r}. of the Day to morrow . . COL. STEVENS
D^{o} . . . for advanc'd Guard . . . L^{t}. COL. PARKER

The Off^{rs} commanding Reg^{ts} in Genl Weedons Brigade will appoint very small Baggage Guards to morrow as the Brigade Qu^{r} Guard

will take charge of the Baggage belonging to the Brigade —

Hd Qrs. Stanton near German Town 23 Aug* G. O.

M Genl. to morrow . . . . . STIRLING
Brigr. . . . . . SCOTT
Field . . . COL. GRAYSON. LT COL. GURNEY
B Major . . . . . JOHNSTON

NO Officer or Soldr is to leave the Camp this Evening without leave in writing from the Major or Brigr Genl under whom he acts, and they are desir'd not to give such leave unless there is apparent cause for it, The Army is to move precisely at 4 oClock in the morning if it should not rain, The Division commanded by Genl Wayne is to take its proper place in the Line between Ld Stirlings & Genl Stephens's Division, and it is strongly & earnestly enjoyn'd upon the Commanding Officers of Corps to make all their men who are able to bear Arms, except the necessary Guards march in the Ranks for it is so great a reflection upon all order & Discipline to see such a number of Strollers, for they cannot be call'd Guards with the Waggons that it is really shocking —

The Army is to march in one Column through the City of Phila, going in at & marching down Front Street to Chesnut Street & up that to the Common —

* Stenton

A small halt is to be made about a mile on this side of the City till the rear closes up & the Line is in proper order — The Divisions march as follows Greenes, Stevens's, Lincolns & Lord Stirlings, The Horse to be divided upon the two Wings —

The following order of march is to be observ'd Viz.t — Bland's & Baylor's Regts on the right & Sheldon's & Moylans upon the left. 1st A Lieu.t & 12 Light Horse — 200 yards in their rear, a complete Troop — 200 yards in the rear of the troop the Residue of Blands & Baylors Regts 100 yards in the rear of these a Company of Pioneers with their Axes &c in proper order — 100 yards in the rear of the Pioneers a Reg.t from Gen.l Muhlenburgs Brigade — and close in the rear of that Reg.t all Gen.l Muhlenburgs field Artilly — Then his Brigade follow'd by Weedons, Woodfords & Scotts in order with all their Field Artillery in their respective fronts The Park of Artillery with the Artificers belonging thereto in the Centre, Lincolns & Lord Stirlings Divisions following with all their Brigade Artillery in the rear of the respective Brigades, A Reg.t from L.d Stirlings Division for a Rear guard & to be 150 yards from Gen.l Maxwells Brigade, Sheldons & Moylans Horse 150 yards in the rear of this Reg.t, One Troop 150 yards in the rear of the Reg.t of Horse — The whole Line is to march by Subdivisions at half distance — The Rank Six paces asunder which is to be exactly observ'd in passing through the City

and great attention given by the Officers to see that the Men carry their Arms well and are made to appear as decent as circumstances will admit — 'T is expected that every Officer without exception will keep his Post in passing through the City & under no pretence whatever leave it, and if any Sold.r shall dare to quit his ranks He shall receive 39 Lashes at the first halting place afterwards — The Off.rs will be particularly careful to prevent this not only in their own Divisions, but in others also, if they should see an attempt of the kind, They are also to prevent the People pressing on the Troops — There is to be no greater space between the Divisions Brigades & Reg.ts than is taken up by the Artillery and is just sufficient to distinguish them — And that the Line of March through the City may be as little Encumbered as possible, only one Ammunition Waggon is to Accompany the field Pieces of each Brigade, and very few the Artillery Park, — All the rest of the Baggage Waggons & spare Horses are to file off to the right — avoid the City entirely, and move on to the Bridge at the middle ferry & there halt, but not so as to Impede the march of the troops by preventing their passing them

Not a Woman belonging to the Army is to be seen with the troops on their march through the City — The Waggon Mas.r Gen.l with all his Assistants together with the Division, Brigade & Regimental Q.r Mas.rs are to attend the Waggons and assist the Field

Officers appointed to that Duty in preventing any men who are allotted to Waggons from slipping in to the City — As the Baggage will be but a short time seperated from the Column a very few Men will be sufficient to guard it and the Gen.l wishes to have as many as are able to appear in the ranks, in the Line of march — The Baggage & spare Artillery Waggons of each Brigade together with the Waggons of the Artillery Park are to move in the same order that the Brigades &c do in the line that they may the more easily unite again when we have pass'd the City —

The Soldiers will go early to rest this evening as the Gen.l expects that the whole line will be on their march at the Hour appointed, That this may be the case each Brig.r is to appoint Patroles to take up all of the Stragglers from the Camp & all others of the Army who do not obey the order

The Directors of the Hospital will order where the Sick are to be sent. The Drums & fifes of each Brigade are to be collected in the Centre of the Brigade and a tune for the quick step to be play'd, but with such moderation that the men may step to it with ease & without dancing along or totally disregarding the Musick which is too often the case — The men are to be excus'd from carrying their Camp Kettles to morrow —

B. O—

As L.t Col. Parker was not on duty to Day, from the order of march being alter'd,

He will act as Field Offr. for the Brigade to morrow — The Officers & Men on the B. Qr Guard will join their respective Regts. to morrow morning before the march begins, In the mean time instead of Posting regular Centries round the Brigade, the Officer commanding it is to send out frequent Patroles who will take up every Soldr they may find Straggling from Camp without a Permit agreeable to Genl orders —

Camp near Wilmington 26th Augt 77 B. O.

Any Regts in the 2d V Brigade who have not 2 Days Provisions by them are immediately to complete themselves for that time & Cook it — The Comm'y if possible will furnish the Soldiers with hard bread — Returns of the Cartridges & flints wanted are to be immediately given into the B. Qr Masr who will draw it & furnish the Regts therewith — The Arms are to be particularly Inspected into this afternoon at Retreat beating, by which time it is hop'd they will be in good order & fit for immediate Action — The Genl observes with the utmost concern, that notwithstanding his repeated orders not to destroy fences or other property, that disgraceful practice is still continued, He therefore Enjoins all the Officers once more as they regard their own Reputation & that of the Soldry to be always active in preventing it — The Officer of the Day will consider it as forming a part of his Duty to punish every Soldr who shall

either quit his rank on a march for the purpose of Pillaging, or when halted, dare to do it — This order is to be read to the men every Saturday, that they may no longer plead Ignorance as an excuse for such Misconduct —

Field Officer for the B. to morrow . . . COL. LEWIS

G. O—

Hd Qrs. Wilmington 26 Augt 77

Officers of the Day to morrow . . . { *M Gen!* . . . . . STEVENS; *Brigr.* . . . . . WEEDON; *Fd.* . COL. HARTLEY, LT. COL. ROSS; *B. Major* . . . . . PEERS }

THE Officers commanding Corps are to see that their Mens Arms are put in the best order possible, that the Ammunition be carefully Inspected & the proper number of rounds for each man compleated, that the Bayonets fix well The Flints properly screwed in & every (—) put in perfect readiness for Action — The Troops are constantly to have one Days Provision of meat on hand ready cook'd & two Days Rations of bread — Should any Complaint be made by the Soldiers for want of such Provisions, the Commanding Offr. of Corps must be answerable for it unless it should happen that Provisions were not to be had of the Commissarys, & in such cases the different Commissarys shd be accountable, Complaint has been made that some Regts have been two Days without Provisions owing to the negligence of the Commissarys, Such Conduct is unsufferable & must be attended

with the worst consequences — The Commander in Chief is determin'd to make an example of the first Comm^{y} who is guilty of the like negligence — He likewise Insists that the Commissarys shall supply the Troops with hard bread, The present most common mode of supply by Issuing flour which they bake into bad bread being not only Injurious to their health, but is often attended with delays sufficient to frustrate the most Important & well formed Enterprizes — As the means is now abundantly in their power The Com^{r} in Chief can admit of no excuse for their not supplying the Troops with good bread

Camp near Wilmington 27th Augt 77 B. O—

The Encampment of the Brigade is to be immediately mov'd the Officers Tents as near the fence as convenient, so as to admit of those of the Soldiers being pitch'd upon the higher ground which the Officers now occupy — Those Regiments which were not yesterday completed with Ammunition are to draw the Remainder of their Complement from the Park of Artillery and it is hop'd strict attention will be paid to the Genl orders for preventing the waste of that Article, — Rum Returns of a Gill pr man to be given in to the B Q^{r} Mas^{r} who, attended by the Regimental Qr Mas^{rs} will have it drawn & deliver'd to the different Regiments as soon as possible

During the continuance of this wet Weather every precaution must be us'd to preserve the Arms & Ammunition in good order, The Officers are therefore desir'd each morning & Evening to examine into the state of them & if any should be spoil'd, whether through negligence or otherwise, a report is to be made to the Brig.r — The Brigade Qu.r Mas.r will this Day exert himself to procure Straw for the Sold.rs and have it equally distributed, & in future no Soldier or Waggoner shall dare to carry off any Hay or Straw, when the Brigade is going to Encamp, until the B Qu.r Mas.r shall first make a Valuation & see that each Reg.t is furnish'd with an equal share — Returns of those men in the different Regiments who are unable to march are to be given in immediately at Gen.l Weedons Qu.rs —

G.. O—

H.d Qu.rs Wilmington 28 Aug.t 77

THE Brigades & other Corps are to be in such readiness as to march at a moments warning, to this end the Officers will see that their Men are kept regularly supply'd with as much Provisions as will when fresh, keep, and the Commissarys are peremptorily order'd to provide a quantity of hard bread ready to deliver on any sudden call, — It is Expected (as there is the greatest reason to believe that our Service will be active) that every Species of Baggage belonging to both Officers & Men will now be

stor'd, except such as cannot be done without in the field, that the Train of Waggons may in consequence be reduc'd and our Encumbrance on this Acc^{t} lessen'd To effect this valuable purpose the Sick are to be turn'd over to the Director Genl of the Hospital & none taken with us, whilst the Women are forbid any longer under any License at all to ride in the Waggons, and the Officers are earnestly call'd upon to permit no more than are absolutely necessary & such as are actually useful to follow the Army — The number of Horses which are now so Injuriously Introduc'd (contrary to all former practice) is expressly forbid, as they have become a real Nuisance in the Army — It is expected therefore that no Officer except those who are allowed forage will henceforth keep a Horse, but (as his baggage is carried for him) march on foot with his men — This, at the time that it Testifies a Regard to the Service, will be setting a good example to their men which in every Instance ought & it is hop'd will be, the first object of a good & valuable Officer — Five Waggons from each Brigade is to be deliver'd immediately to the D Q M G — Genl Greenes Division is to march to morrow morning & take Post on a piece of ground which will be mark'd out for him on White Clay Creek, and the Militia from Chester (under the Command of Col. Evans) is to march to Christiana Bridge & there take Post till further orders —

B. . O—

Camp near Wilmington 28 Aug.t —

Field Off.r of the Day to morrow . MAJOR TOWLES }
Adj.t . . . . . SUMMERS } —

The General to beat at 4, the Assembly in 20 minutes after The March to fall in, at a qu.r before five & the Brigade to march exactly at Five oClock to morrow morning, Six in front at half distance — As we are now Approaching the Enemy, The Gen.l hopes any caution against straggling is quite unnecessary, The Reputation of the troops being much too great a Sacrafise, when put in Competition with any trivial Gratification they may have by quitting their ranks —

G. . O—

H.d Qu.rs Wilmington 29.th Aug.t 77

EACH Brig.e is to make a return to the QM General immediately of the number of Arm Chests necessary for carrying safely all the spare arms that may from time to time happen to be in their Brigades, by means of the Sick & other usual Accidents — The Pay Mas.rs of Reg.ts are forthwith to apply to the Pay Mas.r Gen.l to receive the Pay of their Reg.ts for the Month of July

G. . O. .

Wilmington 30.th Aug.t —

INFORMATION being given by the Commissary Gen.l that it is at present Impracticable to supply the Army with hard bread, The troops are to receive soft bread or flour, as the Commissarys shall

be able to supply them, The Commissarys are nevertheless to exert themselves to the utmost, constantly to supply the troops with bread either hard or soft, and without fail to have a large quantity of hard bread made ready to be Issued whenever the Army marches —

Camp Red Creek 30 Augt. — D. . O. .

A Subaltern, Serjeant & twenty Men to parade to morrow morning from the Division, at Genl Weedons Qur to receive their orders from him

	S.	S.	C.	P.
Genl Muhlenburg	.	.	1 . .	8
Weedon	1 . .	1 . .	. . .	12
	1 . .	1 . .	1 . .	20 —

Camp Red Clay Creek 1st Sept. 1777 — D. . O—

The Division to furnish a Detachment of 300 Men to be commanded by Col. Lt Col. & Major, and otherwise properly Officer'd, to parade immediately, draw & cook one Days Provisions and to be ready to march to morrow morning at 3 oClock, to receive orders from Genl Muhlenburg

N Greene M G—

His Excellency having orderd 278 tin Boxes to carry spare Cartridges for the use of the Division, Genls Muhlenburg & Weedon will send a party from each Brigade to fetch — D A. O—

them from the Gen.ls Qu.rs — They are to be divided equally between the Brigades, The Brig.rs will order such proportion to each Regiment as they think necessary for the good of the service taking Receipts from the Commanding Off.rs of Reg.ts for the number deliver'd, The Commanding officers of Reg.ts are also to divide them to the Companies, the Captains to give their Receipts for what they receive, They are also to divide the Boxes among the Messes, who are to be daily examin'd whether they have them & the Compliment of Cartridges belonging to them

N. . GREENE M G.l —

D. . O.

Camp Red Clay Creek 4th Sept.r 77

The two Brigades to furnish 250 Men for a fatigue party in the morning to parade at 7 oClock to be commanded by a field Officer and to be otherwise properly Officer'd

N G M G.l —

G. . O. .

Hd. Qu.rs Wilmington 28th Aug.t 77

(Omitted in proper place)

JOSEPH SCOTT Esq.r is appointed Brigade Major to Gen.l Muhlenburg in the room of Major Swaine, Resign'd, & is to be obey'd as such —

A Corps of light Infantry is to be form'd immediately to consist of one field Officer, Two Captains, Six Sub.s Eight Sergeants & 100 Rank & file from each Brigade—

Hd Qur Wilmington 30th Augt 77 — G. O—

BRIGr GENl MAXWELL will take the command of the Corps of Light Infantry—John Kennon Esqr was on the 1st May appointed Pay Masr to 6th V Regt, The Commander in Chief approves of the appointment—

Hd Qur Wilmington Septr 1st 77 — G. O

MR AUSTIN SANDRIDGE was on the 15th Ultº appointed Qr Masr to the 6th V Regt & is to be regarded as such—The Commander in Chief has the pleasure to Inform the Army that on the approach of Genl Arnold with his Detachment, that the Enemy rais'd the Siege of Fort Stanwix & fled with such precipitation that they left their Tents standing, which, with their Baggage, Ammunition, Stores, four Royals &c &c. . fell into our hands & that a party sent out by Col. Ganswoort who commanded at the Fort brought in a number of Prisoners & Deserters—

Wilmington 3d Septr 77 — G. O

AS the Enemys motions will be sudden & perhaps rapid, The Genl positively orders the Commanding Officers of Corps to keep their Men in Camp, by no means suffering them to ramble about out of the verge of it

The Discharge of two field pieces is to be consider'd by the Brig.ᵉ & Officers commanding Brigades as an alarm and as a signal for getting their men under Arms & to the Waggon Mas.ᵉ for putting to their Horses, Upon the firing the Alarm Guns, the General Officers after giving the necessary orders for Parading their Men are to repair immediately to Head Qu.ᵉ — It is expected that the Officers of every Corps will immediately Inspect their Mens Arms & Ammunition and see that every thing is in order, If any of the Continental Troops are without Arms the Commanding Officer of the Corps to which they belong is to apply to the Adjutant Gen.ˡ for orders on the Commissary Gen.ˡ for such as are wanted — The Commander in Chief approves the following Sentence of a Gen.ˡ Court Martial held the 2.ᵈ Ins.ᵗ whereof Col. Johnston was Pres.ᵈᵗ — Godfrid Oxford of 14.ᵗʰ V Reg.ᵗ charg'd with Desertion getting drunk & losing his Arms, found not guilty of Desertion, but guilty of getting drunk & losing his Arms — Sentenc'd to receive 100 Lashes on his bare back & pay for his Arms lost —

G. O

Head Qu.ᵗˢ Wilmington 4.ᵗʰ Sept.ʳ

AS a full supply of hard bread cannot at present be obtain'd, All that is now in or shall come to the hands of the Regimental Qu.ʳ Mas.ᵉ is to remain there & not to be distributed but upon the most pressing Exigencies & when

the troops are about to march & then, not without orders from their Brig^{r}, In the mean time the Army is to be furnish'd with soft bread or flour which the Commissarys are Enjoin'd to do with more punctuality than they have done — The Commander in Chief can no longer excuse the neglects in that Department — Much Injury having been done to the Sold^{rs} & some lives lost by their being taken by their Officers from the Hospitals too soon & without the concurrence of the superintending Physician, that practice is absolutely forbid, and henceforward not a Man is to be taken from the Hospital till regularly discharg'd by the directing Physician in writing under his hand —

Notwithstanding all the cautions, the earnest requests & the positive orders of the Commander in Chief to prevent our Army from plundering our own friends & fellow Citizens, yet to his Astonishment & grief, fresh complaints are made to him that so wicked, Infamous & cruel a practice is still continued, & that too — in circumstances the most distressing, when the wretched inhabitants dreading the Enemys Vengeance for their adherence to our cause, have left their all, and fled to us for refuge — We complain of the cruelty & barbarity of our Enemies, — but does it equal ours? — they sometimes spare the property of their friends, but some amongst us, beyond expression barbarous, rob even them — Why did we assemble in Arms, was

it not to defend the property of our Countrymen? Shall we then to our Eternal shame & Reproach be the first to Pillage & Destroy it — Will no motives of Humanity, of real Interest & of Honour, restrain the violence of the Soldr. & Induce the Officers to keep so strict a watch over the Ill dispos'd as effectually to prevent the execution of their evil designs & the gratification of their Savage Inclinations? Or if these powerful motives are too weak, will they pay no regard to their own safety — How many noble designs have miscarried, how many Victorys been lost, how many Armies ruin'd by an Indulgence of Soldr. in plundering? If Officers in the least connive at such practices, The Licentiousness of some Soldr. will soon be without bounds, In the most critical moments, instead of attending to their Duty they will be scatter'd abroad, Indiscriminately plundering Friends & foes & if no worse consequences ensue, many of them must fall a prey to the Enemy, — For these reasons the Commander in Chief requires that those orders be read Distinctly to all the troops & that Officers of every Rank take particular pains to convince the Men of the baseness & fatal tendency of the practices complain'd of, & that their own safety depends on a contrary conduct & an exact observance of order & discipline, At the same time the Commander in Chief most solemnly assures all, that He will have no mercy on Offenders against these orders — their Lives shall pay

the forfeit of their crimes — Pity — under such circumstances would be the height of Cruelty —

Head Qu^{rs} *Wilmington 5*th *Sept*^{r} — G. O —

Officers of the Day to morrow

Maj^{r} *Gen*^{l} . . . . . GREENE
Brig^{r} . . . . . WEEDON
F^{d} COL. MATHEWS MAJOR HOWELL
B Maj^{r} . . . . . PEERS

THE Commissary Genl of Prisoners Informs the Commanding Officers of Reg^{ts} & other Corps, that notwithstanding the orders heretofore Issued for that purpose, He has rec^{d} but one small return of Prisoners taken by the Enemy since his appointment, in consequence of which neglect it will be impossible for him, in case of an exchange to pay proper attention to the order of the different Captures, as to time, He further informes them that in future the Pris^{rs} will be exchang'd according to the returns made to him — As Baggage Waggons are always a great Incumbrance to an Army & would be particularly so in a day of battle, they are in the latter case to be driven off the field, that the Army may not be in the least Incommoded by them, Tis besides, a measure which common prudence Dictates, and whenever an Action is expected, The QM G^{l} will immediately wait on the Commander in Chief to receive his directions respecting them — From every Information of the Enemys

Designs & from their movements it is manifest their Aim is, if possible to possess themselves of Philadelphia, This is their capital Object, Tis what they last year strove to effect, but were happily disappointed, They made a second attempt at the opening of this Campaign, but after vast preperations & expense they abandon'd their Design & totally evacuated the Jerseys, They are now making their last effort, To come up the Delaware it seems was their first Intention but from the measures taken to annoy them in the river, they judg'd the Enterprise that way too Hazardous, At length they have landed on the Eastern Shore of Maryland & advanc'd some little way into the Country, but the General trusts they will again be disappointed in their views, Should they push their designs against Philadelphia on this route, their all is at stake — they will put the Contest on the event of a single battle — If they are overthrown, they are utterly undone — The War is at an end — Now then is the time for our most Strenuous endeavours, — One bold Stroke will free the Land from Rapine, Devastations & burnings, & Female Innocence from brutal Lust & Violence — In every other quarter the American Arms have been rapidly successful, great numbers of the Enemy have fallen in battle & still greater numbers have been made Prisoners — The Militia to the Northward have fought with a resolution that would have done Honour to old Soldiers —

They bravely fought, they conquer'd — & Glory attends them — Who can forbear to Emulate their noble Spirit? — Who is there without Ambition to Share with them the applauses of their Countrymen & of all Posterity, as the Defenders of Liberty & the procurers of Peace & Happiness to Millions in the present & future Generations? Two years have we maintain'd the War & struggled with difficulties Innumerable, but the prospect has since brighten'd up & our affairs put on a better face — Now then is the time to reap the fruits of our Toils & dangers, If we behave like Men, this third Campaign will be the last, Ours is the main Army, to Us our Country looks for Protection, The Eyes of all America & Europe are turn'd upon us, as on those by whom the event of the War is to be determin'd, And the General assures his Country Men & fellow Soldiers that he believes that the critical the Important moment is at hand which demands their most Spirit'd exertions in the field — There Glory waits to crown the Brave & Peace, Freedom & Happiness will be the rewards of Victory — Animated by motives like these, Soldiers fighting in the cause of Innocence, Humanity, & Justice will never give way but with undaunted Resolution press on to Conquest — This, the General assures himself is the part the American forces now in Arms will Act, & thus Acting, He will Insure them success —

G. O

Head Qu^rs Wilmington 6th Septr 77

Maj^r Genl to morrow . . . . . LORD STIRLING
Brig^r . . . . . SCOTT
Field . . . . . COL. PARKER & MAJOR FORD
B. Maj^r . . . . . DAY

THE Genl has no doubt but that every man who has a due sense of the Importance of the cause he has undertaken to defend & who has any regard for his own honour & the reputation of a Sold^r will if call'd to Action behave like one contending for every thing valuable, but if, contrary to his expectation, there shall be found any Off^r or Soldier so far lost to all Shame as basely to quit their posts without orders, or shall skulk from Danger or offer to retreat before orders is given for so doing by proper Authority from a superiour Officer they are to be instantly Shot, as a just punishment to themselves & for example to others — This order, those in the rear & the Corps of reserve are to see duly executed to prevent the Cowardly from making a Sacrafise of the brave and by their Ill example & groundless tales, calculated to cover their own shameful conduct, spreading terror as they go —

That this order may be well known & duly impress'd upon the Army The Genl orders that the Commanding Officers of every Reg^t do assemble his Men & have it read to them to prevent the plea of Ignorance —

The Genl begs that every Officer be attentive to all strange faces & suspicious Characters

which may be discover'd in Camp, & if upon examination, no good account can be given why they are there, they are then to carry them to the Majr Genl of the day for further examination This, as it is only a necessary precaution is to be done in a manner least offensive — The Genl Officers are to meet at five oClock this afternoon at the brick House at White clay creek & fix upon proper Picquets for the security of the camp — Jno Laurance & Peter P- Thornton Esqrs are appointed extra A. . D. . Camps to the Commander in Chief All orders therefore through them in writing or otherways are to be regarded in the same light as if proceeding from any other of his ADCamps

Notwithstanding the order relative to Slaughterhouses they are still often great nuisances to the Army, The Division Qur Masrs are to see that they are fix'd at proper distances from camp and that all the offal be buried once a day — The Commander in Chief will look to these Qur Masrs for the execution of this order & no excuse can be admitted for a neglect of this necessary duty —

6th September 1777— B. O—

Notwithstanding the repeated orders against plundering & burning fences, that abominable practice is still continued to the Shame & disgrace of the brigade — Complaints are made that Corn fields are pillaged without restraint, the fence rails burn'd up & many other out-

rages committed by the soldiery, to prevent which in future, the Officers are once more requested to attend particularly to the behaviour of their men & to punish Such as they see with green corn unless they can make it appear they bought it & any fence rails they may see burning, the Mess to which the fire belongs is to be made answerable

The suttlers are order'd to move instantly from the front of the Encampment to some other place, The Q M. Serjeants will immediately parade the C. C. Men of their Regt. & cover up all filth & nastiness in their respective fronts, and any Soldier daring to ease himself in any other place but the proper necessaries provided for that purpose shall receive Ten lashes on his bare back for every Offence—

G. A. O.

Information has been given that many of the Waggon horses are suffer'd to go loose in the fields, The Commander in Chief strictly orders that every night the Waggon horses be put to the Waggons & there kept — & if it be necessary at any time for them to go to grass, that it be in the day time only, and then the Waggoners must be with them constantly, that they may be ready to tackle at the shortest notice — The Waggon Masters are requir'd to see this order carefully executed — The Enemy have disencumbered themselves of all their baggage that their move-

ments may be light & easy, — It behoves us to be alike ready for marching at a moment's warning & for the same reason it is absolutely necessary, and the Commander in Chief strictly requires that both Officers & Men remain constantly at their Quarters — Tattoo is no longer to be beat in Camp

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Hd. Qurs. Wilmington 7th. Septr. 77 G. . O—

M Genl. to morrow . . . . . STEPHENS
Brigr. . . . . . WAYNE
Field . . . . COL. MARSHALL, MAJOR BALLARD
B. Majr. . . . . . HARPER

THE Genl. has recd. a confirmation of the Intelligence mention'd in the after orders of last night that the Enemy have disencumbered themselves of all their baggage even to their Tents, reserving only, their blankets & such part of their clothing as is absolutely necessary — This Indicates a speedy & rapid movement & points out the necessity of following the example & ridding ourselves of every thing we can possibly dispense with —

As a very imperfect obedience has been paid to former orders on this Subject it is now, Once More Enjoin'd that all baggage which can be spar'd both of Officers & Men be immediately pack'd up & sent off this day to the other side of Brandywine, This order having been heretofore Eluded by a too Indulgent construction of the general terms

in which it has been couch'd, The General is oblig'd to be more explicit & to declare that it is his Intention the Officers should only retain their Blankets, great coats & three or four shifts of under clothes, & that the Men, besides what they have on, keep only a blanket & Shirt a piece, & such as have it, a great Coat, All Trunks, Chests, bedding & other cloaths, except those mention'd to be sent away, till the Elapsing of a few Days shall determine whether the Enemy mean an immediate Attack or not, It is hop'd that none will have so little sense of Propriety as to deem a measure so obviously for the good of the Army & the Service, a hardship — It would be folly in the extreme to hazard the loss of our baggage for the sake of a little present convenience, a Loss, of which at this time would be Irreperable — The Disadvantage of having that to take care of at the moment of the attack, when we sh.d be preparing for defence is obvious, The Attention of both Officers & Men will then be wholly Engross'd for its safety & the Enemy will have time to be upon us before we are ready to receive them The Consequence of this will be, Bustle & confusion, & perhaps, Defeat & disgrace, the loss of our baggage & not improbably the ruin of the Army, The Commander in Chief looks to the General Officers in a particular manner for the execution of this order in their respective Divisions & Brigades — The whole Army is to draw two

days Provisions exclusive of to day & have it Cook'd & Deposited with the Regimental Qu^{r} Mas^{r} provided salt Provisions can be drawn, other wise one days fresh Provisions to be cook'd & deposited as afores^{d} & two days hard bread if to be had, All the Horse except Capt. Lewis's troop are to be post on the right of the Army — The Tents of the whole Army to be struck & pack'd in the Waggons to morrow morning an Hour before Day & the Horses tackled All Corps of Horse are to be Sadded [*sic*] at the same time & the whole Army drawn up in their respective Line, The QM Genl is to spare no pains immediately to procure Waggons to carry the Mens Packs that they may be perfectly light & free for Action, No more Sick are to be sent to Concord but to Birmingham —

Camp Wilmington 8th Septr 1777 D. . O—

A Party of 100 Men properly officer'd to Parade immediately from the Division, They are to carry one days Provisions with them, The Commanding Officer will receive his orders at the Genl Qu^{rs}, A Fatigue of 100 Men from the division to parade immediately to be commanded by a field Officer who will receive orders from Col. Duportail Engineer The remainder of the division are to be dismiss'd & pitch their tents at 10 oCl. if the Enemy are found advancing at that time —

G. . O. .

Head Qu^rs Birmingham 9th Septr 77

Maj^r Genl to morrow . . . . . SULLIVAN
Brig^r . . . . . WOODFORD —
Field . . . . . COL. STEWART, L^t COL. GREER
Br Maj^r . . . . . SCOTT —

INTELIGENCE having been rec^d that the Enemy instead of advancing towards Newport have turn'd another way & appear to have a Design of marching Northward which occasion'd the sudden movement this morning — Such of the troops as have not been serv'd with Rum to day are as soon as possible with one Gill pr man — The Maj^r & Brig^r Genl of the Day, accompanied by the Qu^r Mas^r Genl will immediately Reconnoitre the Environs of the Camp & fix upon proper places for posting Picquets for its security

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G. O —

H^d Qu^rs Burmingham 10th Septr 1777

Maj^r Genl to morrow . . . . . STIRLING
Brig^r . . . . . NASH
Field, . . . COL. SPOTSWOOD, MAJOR BLOOMFIELD
Brigade Major . . . . . .

IT being with concern that the Genl hears the frequent Compl^ts of the Farmers on Acc^t of the destruction of their Fences & C. by which means the fields of Grain & Grass are destroy'd — He wishes that Off^rs of every rank for the sake of Justice & the Reputation of the A. Arms, w^d exert themselves to correct this Species of abuse, & He is persuaded they will do it when no

stronger proof can be given of Inattention or want of Authority than to suffer such practices to prevail in a Country abounding in wood & by men with Axes in their hands — besides, the Injustice which Individuals or the publick must sustain by such practices ought to strike every Officer in the most forcible manner — No Baggage is to remain on the ground that can possibly be dispens'd with, & what cannot, is to be loaded an Hour before day & in readiness to move, The QM Gen! will have orders where to find it — The Commissary Gen! will take care to have at least three Days Provisions always on hand, three or four miles in the rear of the Army & draw in what Buiscuit he can & Salt meat for Occasional serving, The Q M Gen! must furnish Waggons for those purposes, The Men are to be provided with Cook'd Provisions for to morrow, for two Days would be better if they can get of such kind as will keep. The Light Horse, except those on duty may be Quarter'd a little in the rear of Head Qu^rs, A Total Stop is to be put to all Loose disorderly firing in Camp, as otherwise it will be impossible to distinguish Guns fir'd for an Alarm — 250 Men of Gen! Greenes, 200 of each other Division & 100 of Gen! Nashe's Brigade of Continental troops & 400 of Gen! Armstrongs Division of Militia are to be drawn out daily as Picquets & to Assemble, those of Gen! Greenes, Waynes, Stirlings & Stephens Divisions & Gen! Nash's Brigade on the most convenient grounds

near the Artillery Park, Gen! Sullivans at the Centre of his Division & Gen! Armstrongs at the Centre of his Division from these Picq^ts all the necessary Out Guards are to be furnish'd & the residue to remain on their respective places of Assembling, ready to reinforce the Out Guards or to be detach'd on other duty until reliev'd by new Picquets, at every new Encampment these Out Guards are to be Posted by the M. Gen! of the Day & Q M. G. aided by the other Officers of the Day, As soon as these Picq^ts are Posted a report is to be made to the Commander in Chief where they are — These Picquets are to be under the Command of the M Gen! of the Day & under him by the Brig^r of the Day — Each Division will furnish a Field Off^r & a proportion of other Officers to take charge of its own Picq^ts but Gen! Armstrongs Division will furnish two such Officers, These Picquets are to parade precisely at 5 oClock daily — Gen! Muhlenburg will furnish the F^t Officer for Picq! this Day —

B. O

Camp 12 Septr 1777

The Brigade is immediately to draw two Days Provisions & Cook it, they will also draw a Gill of Rum pr man.

Hd Qrs Chester 12th Sept. 1777 — G. O

THE Commanding Officer of each Brigade is immediately to send off as many Offrs as he shall think necessary on the roads leading to the places of Action yesterday and on any other roads where stragglers may be found & particularly to Wilmington where it is said many have retir'd, to pick up all the Stragglers from the Army & bring them on. In doing this they will proceed as near to the Enemy as shall be consistent with their own safety & examine every house,—In the mean time the troops are to march on through Derby in good order to the bridge over Schulkill, cross it, & proceed up to their former grounds near the falls of Schuylkill & German Town & there pitch their Tents, Genl Greenes Division will move last & cover the baggage Stores &C, Genl Maxwells Light Corps will remain at Chester, collect all the Stragglers they can, & to morrow morning follow the Army, The Directors of the Hospitals will see that all the sick & wounded be sent to Phila—

Camp at German Town 13th Sept. 77 — D. O

The Genl takes the earliest opportunity to return his warmest thanks to the Officers & Soldrs of Genl Weedons Brigade engag'd in the late Action for their Spirited & Soldierly behaviour, A Conduct so worthy under so many disadvantages cannot fail of establishing

to themselves the highest Military reputation, The Gen! also thinks himself under an obligation to return his thanks to all the other Officers & Soldiers of his Division for the firmness & alacrity which they have discover'd upon every Occasion in the Course of the Day to Engage the Enemy, The Gen! has the pleasure to Inform the troops, that notwithstanding we gave the Enemy the ground, the purchase has been at much blood, this being by far the greatest loss they ever met with since the commencement of the War, The Gen! recommends an immediate Attention to be paid to the state of the Arms & Ammunition, that the Arms be put in the best order & that each man be furnish'd with a full supply of Ammunition, not less than 40 rounds—

B. O—

Camp—13th Sept!—

From the motions of the Enemy it appearing to his Excell! that our Service will for some time continue to be full as active as that we have lately experienc'd, he has, from that noble Spirit which actuates his every movement & from which He wishes to share in every hardship to which his Army is expos'd Divests himself & family of every Species of Baggage, save his Blankets, The Brig! therefore requests, that though the baggage of the Brigade has now join'd it, the Officers will not think of carrying any more Cloathing then they have hitherto had with

them, as he is Determin'd to follow the Laudable example set by his Excell.y—

H.d Quar.t German Town 13th Sept.r 77 G. O—

M Gen.l to morrow . . . . . SULLIVAN
Brig.r . . . . . WEEDON
Field . . . . . COL. MARTIN, MAJOR HAY
Brigade Maj.r . . . . . BARBER

THE Gen.l with peculiar satisfaction thanks those Gallant Officers & Soldiers who on the 11th Ins.t bravely fought in their Countrys cause,—If there are any whose Conduct reflects dishonour upon Soldiership & their names are not pointed out to him, He must for the present leave them to reflect how much they have Injur'd their Country & how unfaithful they have prov'd to their fellow Sold.rs, but with this Exhortation, that they embrace the first opportunity of doing Justice to both & the professions of a Soldier—

Although the Event of that day from some unfortunate circumstances were not so favourable as could be wish'd, The Gen.l has the Satisfaction of Assuring the troops, that from every Acc.t he has been able to obtain, the Enemys loss greatly exceeded ours & He has full Confidence that in another Appeal to Heaven (with the blessing of Providence which it becomes every Officer & Soldier humbly to supplicate) we shall prove successful

The Honb.le Congress in Consideration of the Gallant behaviour of the Troops on

Thursday last their fatigue since & from a full Conviction that on every future occasion they will manifest a bravery worthy the cause they have undertaken to defend, having been pleas'd to order 30 Hh^{ds} of Rum to be distributed among them in such a manner as the Commander in Chief shall direct, He orders the Commissary Genl of Issues to deliver to each Officer & Soldier One Gill pr day while it lasts, — The Commanding Off^{rs} of each Brigade is without delay to send a number of active Officers into the City & its Environs to pick up & bring to Camp all straggling Sold^{rs} whom they may find, as well those belonging to other Brigades, as their own likewise a Serjeant from each Brigade to the Bridge to direct the Sold^{rs} as they cross, where to find their respective Brigades, at Roll calling this Evening the Men are to be charg'd not to be out of their respective Brigades on pain of Death, Nor the Officers as they value the Service & dread Cashiering — The Q M Genl is to have the Waggons of each Division carried so as to move them in their proper line at a moments warning—

The Order of the Encampment at this place need not be attended to as our stay here will be short. Each Division is to Encamp in as compact order as possible to night, All the Continental troops are to be supply'd immediately with forty Rounds of Cartridges & the Officers will see that the Soldiers carry their spare Ammunition in such a manner as

to avoid Injury & Loss, The Clothier Gen! is order'd to send spare Shoes, Shirts &C to Camp, to furnish such men as are destitute. The Commanding Officers of corps are therefore to delay no time in supplying the Absolute wants of their men — The Gen! does most ardently exhort every officer to attend to the due & speedy execution of these orders —

G. A. O.

The following proportion of Tents is allow'd the Army upon its next movement Viz!—

1 Soldiers Tent for the field Officers of each Reg! —
1 D° . . every 4 Commission'd Officers —
1 D° . . every 8 Serjeants . . Drums & fifes —
1 D° . . every 8 Privates . . . . . .

The Brig". to have returns made out & the above proportion of tents taken for their Brigades & one Waggon for every 50 Tents & no more, no Women under any pretence what ever to go with the Army but to follow the Baggage, The Soldiers are to Carry their Camp Kettles which, if the Army should come to Action are to be put into the Waggons with their Tents, The Invalids under a good Subaltern are to guard the Tents of each Brigade, — The Division Commissarys are directed to have a constant supply of Provisions for the troops, & the QM Gen! must without fail furnish the necessary Waggons for that purpose, — A Gill of Rum (or other Spirits) pr Day is to be deliver'd to every Officer & Sold! until further orders, The

Commissarys are to provide accordingly, The Army to be ready to march to morrow morning precisely at 9 oClock — The Offrs commanding Divisions will receive the order of march from the QM G — who will also direct the route of the baggage —

B. A. O. The Regts in the Brigade are immediately to make out Provision returns for to morrow & next day, there being Salt Provisn for that purpose —

G. O —

Hd Qrs 14th Sept. 1777

AN Active Officer from each Brigade to go to the City & meet at the Conostogo Waggon in order to agree on a plan how they may collect all the Straggling Soldrs together, those that are not able to march, to be deliver'd to the Surgeon Genl, the rest, the Officers to have furnish'd with 40 rounds of Cartridges & march to morrow morning in good order & Join the Army —

G. O

Hd Qrs 15th Sept. 77 —

M Genl to morrow . . . . . STIRLING —
Brigr . . . . . WAYNE —
Field . . COL. HENDRICKS & MAJR BREWSTER —
B Majr . . . . . FLEURY —
for Picquet . . COL. HOGAN — MAJOR TOWLES —

THE whole Line while it remains unseperated is to furnish 600 men properly Officer'd for guard &C. Each Brigade is to give in proportion to its strength, Those Men are to be under

the immediate command of the Majr Genl or other Officers of the day, who, with the Assistance of the Q M G. agreeable to the orders of the 10th Instt are to see that the Out guards are posted in such manner as most effectually to secure the Camp, If the different avenues leading to it should not require the above number, the Overplus to remain as a Picquet near the Park of Artillry & be ready to reinforce any guard, or go on any other duty which the M Genl or other Officer of the day may think necessary

The Guards are in common to parade at Eight oCl. in the morning near the Artillery Park, but whenever the troops are to march, they are to assemble there at least half an Hour before the march is to begin, upon which the Majr Genl or other Officers of the day will order so many of them as He or they may think necessary to move on with the Q M G. to the place of Destination & after the Ground & all the Avenues to the new Encampment are reconnoitred, the Guards are to be posted, & such troops as have not been supply'd with their full complement of Cartridges agreeable to the order of the 13th Instt are to be furnish'd instantly, — The troops are to have Provisions cook'd for to morrow at least — The Clothier Genl is waiting with shoes &C. The Officers Commanding Regts are to loose no time in getting their Men supply'd — In future whenever the Men are form'd for Action, the Serjeants are to be

plac'd in the ranks on the flanks of Subdivisions, that their fire may not be lost, The Brig^{rs} or Officers commanding Reg^{ts} are also to post some good Officers in the rear to keep the men in order, & if in time of Action any man who is not wounded whether he has Arms or not, turns his back on the Enemy & attempts to run away or retreat before orders are given for it, Those Officers are instantly to put him to Death — The Man does not deserve to live, who basely flies, breaks his solemn engagements & betrays his Country — Such men belonging to Genl Maxwells light Corps as have not join'd their Reg^{ts} are again to join him without delay The Officers commanding Corps are to make diligent search for those men & see that they are sent to that Corps immediately —

G. O —

H^{d} Qu^{rs} 17th Septr 1777

Maj^{r} Genl to morrow . . . . . SULLIVAN
Brig^{r} . . . . . MUHLENBURG —
Field . . L^{t} COL. FEBIGER & MAJ^{R} LOCKHART
B Maj^{r} . . . . . PEERS

THE Commanding Off^{rs} of Brigades are immediately to dispatch two or three active Off^{rs} into the rear of the line of march yesterday as far back as Genl Maxwells Qu^{rs} where the Army last drew up to examine all Houses barns & Huts on the way, to collect & bring on all Stragglers from the Army — The Brig^{rs} & other Officers

are immediately to examine the Arms & Ammunition of their men & spare no pains to preserve such Ammunition as is not already damag'd & to have the Arms put in the best order possible, such as are loaded to be drawn but if they cannot be drawn they are to remain Loaded, for not one Gun is to be fir'd in order to Clean it, The Gen! desires the Officers to pay the most particular Attention to these orders, not only their own safety, but the Salvation of their Country may depend thereon — Such Ammunition as is damag'd is carefully to be sav'd, to be return'd to the Park the first convenient time — to this point the Off^rs will now & at all times pay particular Attention, as the Lead is of vast importance to us —

Officers for this day —

M G.	Stephens
Brig^r.	Conway
Field . . .	Lt Col. Davis & Maj^r Sterret
Brigade Maj^r.	Day

Qu^rs 18 Septr. 1777 — *B. O.*

The Brigade is immediately to draw & cook two days Provisions. Returns of the Ammunition wanting sign'd by the Col^l of Reg^ts to be carried to the Adjutant Gen! that the Brigade when called upon to move, which will probably be shortly, may be in the most perfect readiness —

G. O—

Hd Qrs: 20th Sept. 77

IT is with the utmost concern that the Genl observes the continual Straggling of Solds on the march, who rob Orchards & commit other disorders & that many Officers pay little or no Attention to prevent a practice attended with such mischievous consequences notwithstanding the orders relative thereto, The Offrs are reminded that it is their duty & the Genl expects that for the future they know precisely the number of Men in their Divisions or Plattoons, & where the time will admit of it, take a List of their names previous to their marching, that on a march they frequently review their Division to see if it be in order & no man missing. The Genl has reason to think that many Officers neglect to call Rolls of their Companies daily agreeable to former orders & that many cannot properly account for their absent men, This is a neglect of the most dangerous Tendency & if continued the Army will soon be greatly reduc'd, The Genl therefore calls upon all Officers in the most pressing manner as they regard the Salvation of their Country & their duty to have the rolls call'd night & mornis & pay the most unremitting Attention to prevent a loss of their men —

The Genl is inform'd that a vast number of Men are sent off with the Baggage as guards to it, The Brigrs & Offrs commanding Brigades are without delay to send proper Offrs to Reading or whereever the Waggons may be

to reduce those Guards & bring with the greatest Dispatch to the Army the greater part of them & those the best men with the best Arms leaving only so many Officers & Men as are absolutely necessary, to gu.d the Baggage — Col. Polk who commands those guards will see, that as few Officers & Men as possible are left with the baggage — Some Off.rs are also to be sent to Phil.a to bring all Sold.rs who may be found there The Off.rs will also see that all Sold.rs who serve as waiters be arm'd & do duty as Sold.rs on any Emergency, particularly that the fire of so many Men be not lost in time of Action — The Waggons are to be kept ready to move on the shortest notice —

H.d Qu.rs 21 Sept.r 77 — *G. . O. .*

M Gen.l to morrow . . . . . GREENE
Brig.r . . . . . NASH
Field . . . . COL. LAWSON, L.t COL. BREARLEY
B. Maj.r . . . . . BARBER
for Picquet . . . . . MAJOR LYON

THE Honb.le Congress have been pleas'd to appoint the Count Pulaski to the Command of the American Light Dragoons with the rank of Brig.r Gen.l Some diligent Officers are to be immediately sent to all the Houses within 4 or 5 Miles of the Camp, to find & bring on all Stragglers to their respective Corps, The Brig.rs will see this done, The Maj.r & Brig.r Gen.ls will see that their Commissaries have

always a Competency of Provisions for supplying the troops, One Person in the Issuing Commissary Genl: Department is, without fail to call daily at Head Qu^{rs} to report the State of Provisions & receive orders —

G. O —

Head Qu^{rs} 23^{d} Septr. 77 —

M Genl. to morrow . . . . . STIRLING
Brig^{r} . . . . . WEEDON —
Field Off^{rs} . . COL. BUNCUM, L^{t} COL. INNIS —
Picq^{t}. . . . . . MAJOR STUBBLEFIELD
B. Major . . . . . FLEURY —

THE Genl expects a return of the Army to morrow morning without fail & Enjoins it upon the Commanding Off^{rs} of Corps to see that they are exactly made, Each Reg^{t} to proceed in making Cartridges for its own use that they may be held in Store, Genl Knox will furnish Materials —

It is expected as the Weather is now growing cool, that the troops will never have less than two days Provision, The necessity of this, the Genl does in the strongest manner Impress on the Officers & hopes they will exert themselves in seeing them executed, as the Soldiers or the Service must greatly suffer unless this is well attended to — The Genl is Inform'd that the Tin Canteens which was serv'd out for the purpose of carrying Ammunition are in some Instances applied to other uses. He therefore positively forbids such practices, — James Lloyd Esqr is ap-

pointed Volunteer A.D.C. to the Honb^le Maj^r Genl Greene & is to be respected accordingly —

The Sick in Camp are to be immediately sent to the Park of Artill^y or House or Barn nearest there, so that the Surgeon may send them to Redding. A careful Subaltern from each Division is to go with them if so many Off^rs are not necessary, The Surgeon Genl will dismiss a part of them, each Man to take one days Provisions with him —

H^d Qu^rs 24th Septr 1777 — G. O

Maj^r Genl to morrow . . . . . STEPHEN —
Brig^r . . . . . SCOTT —
F^d . . . . L^t COL. FARMER, L^t COL. FORD —
Picq^t . . . . . MAJ^r BELL —
Brigade Major . . . . . WILLIAMS

H^d Qu^rs near Pottsgrove 25th Septr 77 G. O.

M G. to morrow . . . . . SULLIVAN
Brig^r . . . . . CONWAY
F^d . . . . COL. GRAYSON, L^t COL. D HART
Picq^t . . . . . COL. BARBER
B. Major . . . . . COX

A G. C. MART^L is to sit immediately at the House where Genl Conway Quarters, for the trial of all Prisoners which may be brought before them Col. James Wood is appointed Pres^dt of this Court, One careful Subalt^n is to be sent off immediately to Bethlehem with Col. Biddle to Inspect the Baggage of the Army to see if

it suffers by Dampness, & if it does to have it properly dried & put up again & then to see that it be well secur'd and guarded against plunderers, These Offrs are to Assemble this Afternoon at 3 oCl. at the Q M Gs Quarts, Hence forward all Brigade Returns are to be made directly to the A Gen!, The Weekly returns are to be made every Monday at Orderly time —

G. O. .

Hd Qurs 26th Sept. 77

M G. to morrow . . . . . GREENE
Brigr . . . . . NASH
Fd . . Lt Col. THACKSTON, Lt Col. *of Delaware Regt*
Picqt . . . . . Lt Col. *6th P. Regt*
B. M. . . . . . SCOTT

THE Coms in Chief approves the following Sentences of a G. C. M whereof Col. James Wood is Presdt John Frandon of Col. Hartleys Regt charg'd with Deserting to the Enemy & Inlisting with them, The Court — (upwards of two thirds agreeing) do sentence the Pris[r] to suffer Death for the Charge of Desertion — The base & Wicked practice of plundering the Inhabitants is still continued, notwithstanding all orders, & in some cases in the most Atrocious manner, The Commander in Chief requires that the Gen! Orders of 4th Inst relative thereto, be read without delay by the Commanding Offrs of each Regt to their Men, The punishm! denounc'd in these orders will certainly be Inflicted on the Offenders —

The Gen.l being Inform'd that many Regts have but one Orderly book He in some measure ceases to wonder that orders are so little known & so frequently disobey'd, Until each Company can be furnish'd with an ordr book, The Offrs commanding Regts are to see that the Officers & Men are clearly Inform'd of every order which relates to them respectively, by reading or causing the same to be read to them, Should there be in future a well grounded Plea of Ignorance of orders, The Offrs commanding Regts will consider themselves answerable therefor —

Pennypackers Mills, Hd Qrs 27 Septr. 77 G. O.

THE G. C. Mart.l whereof Col. Wood was Presd is to sit immediately at the House next above Head Qrs, — As the troops will rest to day — Divine Service is to be perform'd in all the Corps that have Chaplains —

An Orderly Serjeant to attend at Hd Qrs The B. Majr will see this Invariably done, every day when orders have not been previously given for marching, an Ordly Serjeant from each Brigade will likewise attend C. Martials, Such Regts as have not made up spare Ammunition, so as to complete at least 40 Rounds pr Man are to do it this day, without fail, The Commanding Offrs of Regts are to see this done, all the spare Ammunition is to be mark'd & put up in a spare Ammunition Waggon, for, & to follow each Division The

Men are to carry only their Cartridge boxes & tin Cannisters full

G. O

Hd Qrs Pennypackers Mills 28th Sept. 77

M. G. to morrow . . . . . SULLIVAN
Brigr. . . . . . SCOTT
Fd . . . . . COL. LAMB & MAJR MORRELL
Picqt. . . . . . MAJR DAWSON —
B. Majr. . . . . . PEERS

THE Commander in Chief has the Happiness again to Congratulate the Army on the Success of the A arms to the N. ward On the 19 Inst an Engagement took place between Genl Burgoynes Army & the left Wing of ours under Genl Gates. The Battle begun at One oCl. & lasted till Night, Our troops fighting with the greatest bravery, not giving one Inch of Ground, Our Loss is abt 80 Kill'd & 200 wounded & missing, The Enemy's is judg'd to exceed 1000 in kill'd Wounded & taken Prisrs, both Prisrs & Deserters declare, that Genl Burgoyne who commanded in person was wounded in the left Shoulder The 62d Regt was cut to pieces & that the Enemy sufferd extremely in every Qu: where they were engag'd, Such was the Ardour of our troops that Wounded Men after being dress'd return'd to Action —

The Commander in Chief has further occasion to Congratulate the Troops on the Success of a Detachment from the Northern Army under Col. Brown, who Attack'd &

carried several of the Enemies Posts & have got possession of the old French Lines at Ticonderoga, Col. Brown in these several Attacks has taken 293 of the Enemy Prisrs. with their Arms, Retaken more than 100 of our Men & taken 150 Batteaux below the falls & 50 above the falls of Lake Champlain Including 17 Gun boats & One Arm'd Sloop, besides Cannon, Ammunition &C &C

To Celebrate this Success, The Genl. orders that at 4 oCl. this Afternoon, All the troops be paraded & Serv'd with a Gill of Rum pr Man & that at the same time there be a discharge of 13 pieces of Cannon from the Artillry Park— All spare Ammunition in those Divisions that have not a close spare Waggon to secure it in, is to be return'd to the Park of Artillery—

Hd. Qrs. Skippack 29th Sept. 1777 G. O

M. G. to morrow . . . . . GREENE,
Brigr. . . . . . CONWAY,
Field . . . . . COL. COOK LT. COL. NEVILLE,
for Picqt. . . . . . MAJR. 3d M. REGT.
B Majr. . . . . . DAY—

THE Brigrs. or Offrs. commanding Brigades are to parade their respective Brigades at 8 oClock to morrow morning & under their own Eyes have an exact return of the Offrs. & Men present on the Ground, which returns they are immediately afterwards to transmit to the Adjutant

Gen.l, such of their Off.rs as are absent & not on duty, they are as speedily as possible to order to join their Corps, & if any such Off.rs get taken by the Enemy they will not be exchang'd —

Three Parties of 150 Men each are to parade to morrow morning at Sunrise at the Park of Artillery with two Days Provisions cookd but to leave their Packs at their Quar.rs, Major Joynes, Maj.r Sneed & Major Howell is each to command one of the Parties, John White Esq.r is appointed Volunteer A. D C to Maj.r Gen.l Sullivan & to be respected as such — L.t Col. Hendricks is promoted to the rank of Col. of the 1.st V Reg.t in the room of Col. Read Deceas'd — Maj.r Simms of 13 V. Reg.t to be L.t Col. of 6.th in the room of L.t Col. Hendricks promoted, Capt. Campbell of 8.th V Reg.t to be Maj.r of 13.th in the room of Maj.r Simms, Promoted —

G. O.

H.d Q.rs Skippack 30.th Sep.r 1777.

Maj.r Gen.l tomorrow . . . . . LORD STIRLING.
Brigadier . . . . . FOREMAN.
Field Officers LIEU.T COL.O SYMS & MAJ.R BLOOMFIELD.
Field Officer for Picquet. . . . LIEU.T COL.O BROWN.
Brigade Major . . . . . JOHNSTON.

A FLAG will go to the Enemy's lines tom.r morning; all Persons who have any things to send in are to have them ready at Head Quarters by 7 o'clock in the morning.

One Surgeons Mate from each Division who can best be spar'd is to go to Bethleham forthwith to bring down to the army the Medison chests of their Respective Divisions.

One hundred & fifty men from Gen! Sullivan's, Greene's, L.d Stirling's & Stephens's Division's, & Gen! Nash's Brigade, are to be selected this day, & a like proportion from the other Brigades. These men are always to carry their axes with them, to march with the Picquets where the army moves, to prepare timber for, & repair the roads. When arriv'd at the new Encampment, they are to cut wood for their respective Brigades. The Brigade Q.r Master's are to go constantly with them, & direct them in the business above mention'd. For these services, the men are to be excus'd from all guards and other ordinary duty, but when an action is expected, they are to deliver their axes to the Brigade Q.r Master's (who are to be accountable for the axes of their Brigade) & Join their several Corps. When on duty as axmen, they are always to carry their arms with them. A list of their Names are without delay to be given to the Brigade Q.r Masters by their respective Brigade Majors

ADVERTISEMENT

General Greene lost at new Hanover Camp, a brass pistol, both Stock & barrel mark'd H. . K. . . Any Person who has found it, &

will return it to the General shall receive twenty Dollars.

An orderly Horse from each Regiment of Horse to attend at Head Quarters. —

G. O.

Hd qrs Skippack Octr 1st 1777

Major General tomorrow . . . . . STEPHENS.
Brigadier . . . . . NASH.
Field Officers . COLO DEATON & MAJOR SMITH *of 5th Maryland Regiment.*
Brigade . . . . . MAJOR WILLIAMS.
Field officer for Picquet . . . . . MAJR CROPPER.

THE Commander in Chief approves the following Sentences of a General Court martial held the 28th of September 1777. whereof Colo Wood was president Viz: Lieutenant Robert Craigg, of Colo Hazons Regiment charg'd with repeated disobedience of orders, acquitted. Adjutant Kincaid acting Brigade Majr to Genl Scott, charg'd with not bringing his Picquet on the grand parade in proper time, acquitted.

Whenever a field officer is warn'd for any duty, & he is Sick or absent, the Brigade Major of the Brigade to which he belongs is to warn another in his stead, & Report his name to the Adjutant General.

When Aids D Camp go from Camp with their Major Generals, a Brigade Major of the Division is to be notified thereof & directed at head quarters at orderly time for orders.

The Brigade Qr Mrs are to apply to the

Q M General for their Quoto of axes for the purpose mention'd in yesterdays orders.

No more fences to be burnt on any pretence whatever. If unavoidable necessity compels us to do it, license must first be obtain'd from the Commander in Chief.

The Pay Masters of Regiment & Corps are to bring in their Payrolls for the month of August, properly examin'd & Certified, that Warrants may be given for Payment.

Hd. qrs. Skippack Octr. 1st. 1777 G..A..O

The whole army are to Strike their Tents tomorrow morning at 8, o'clock & get ready to march. At 9. . the march is to begin. General Sullivans Division leading, follow'd by Lyncolns, McDugals, Greene's. These from [*sic*] the first line; then the Park of Artillery, Then the Second line in this order, Stirling's Division, Nash's, Stephens General Sullivans Division to beat a foot march as a Signal for marching. The beat to be continued by the others successively.

The whole are to encamp in the new ground in the same order. General Armstrong is at the same time to move at the shortest rout to the right of the first line & General Smalwood, & General Foreman to the left of the first line, on the ground the QM G. . will point out. The Waggons to go in the rear of the army in the order of the Brigade to which they belong, all the Tent

Waggons first. The Regimental QMrs are to see that vaults be dug immediately upon the army's arrival on its new ground, & any Soldier caught easeing himself elsewhere is instantly to be made Prisoner, & punish'd by order of a Regimental Court martial. The Brigade QMrs are without fail to see all offal buried every morning, & are to apply to their Brigade for men for that purpose. Regimental, or Brigade QMrs failing in the duties here requir'd of them, are forthwith to be arrested.

Some Person from each distin'd (*sic*) body or Brigade of Militia is to attend at Head qrs for orders at noon.

Each Brigade QMr is to make an immediate return of the number of Baggage Waggons in his Brigade to the QM General

An Officer from each Brigade is to remain till the troops have march'd off, then to make search for, & bring on all Straglers.

G. . O. .

Hd Qrs 5th Octr 1777.

Major General Tomorrow . . . . . STIRLING.
Brigadier . . . . . SCOTT.
Field officers COLo *of* Mc DUGALS *Brigade, &* MAJOR MILLER
Brigade Major . . . . . JOHNSTON
Fd *officer for Picquet* . . . . . MAJOR CRAWFORD

400 men for Picquet to parade precisely at 6 o'clock at the Park of Artillery.

G. A. O.

Hd Qrs 5th Octr 1777.

The Officers Commanding Regiments are to make out returns of the Cartridges wanted

for their men to Compleat them to forty rounds each, & draw the materials for making them at the Park of Artillery early tomorrow morning. One attentive officer from each Regiment, is to be present, & Superintend the makeing Cartridges for their Regiments, & see that they are well made up & the materials not waisted.

The arms are to be cleaned and put in good order immediately. Such as are charg'd & cannot be drawn is to be discharg'd at noon tomorrow under the direction of the officers. Each Regiment is to draw twelve Cartridges p.r man, ready made at the Park of Artillery besides the above materials.

Small parties of Horse are tomorrow morning to be sent up the different roads above the present Encampment of the army as much as ten miles in order to stop all Soldiers, & turn them back to the army. All the detachments of Horse are to be collected as soon as possible to one place as near as may be to the army except the two parties under Lee & Craig.

Returns as exact as possible are to be made immediately of the Kill'd, wounded, & missing in the action of yesterday and deliver'd to the Commander in Chief at four o'clock tomorrow in the afternoon. The B. Major will be punctual in this matter, & where there is no B. Major, The Brigadier, or officer Commanding the Brigade are without delay to appoint a Person to do the duty. One set of Colums are to shew the kill'd of the different ranks,

2d the wounded, & a third set of Columns the Missing.

The Commander in Chief returns his thanks to the Generals, & other officers & men concern'd yesterday in the attack on the enemy's left wing; for the Spirit & bravery shewn in driving the enemy from Field to Field: & altho an unfortunate fog, Join'd with the smoke prevented the different brigades seeing & supporting each other, or sometimes even distinguishing their fire from the enemy's, & from some other causes, which as yet cannot be accounted for, they finally retreated, They nevertheless see that the enemy are not proof against a vigorous attack, & may be put to flight when boldly push'd. This they will remember, & assure themselves that on the next action, by a proper exertion of the Powers which God has given them & inspir'd with the cause of freedom in which they are engag'd, they will be victorious. The Commander in Chief not seeing the engagement with the enemy's right wing desires the General officers who commanded there, to thank those officers & men who behav'd with becoming bravery & those of either wing who behav'd otherways to be reported.

Detail for picquet to be the same as last setled. They are to parade at 11 o'clock tomorrow forenoon & afterwards at 8, in the morning as usual.

Majr. General tomorrow . . . . . STEPHENS
Brigadier . . . . . MUHLENBURG
Field officers . . COLo CLARK. LIEUT COLo CONNER
Field officer for Picquet . . . . . MAJR MILLER
Brigade Major . . . . . PEERS

Hd qrs 6th Octr. 1777 Skippack.

Majr. General tomorrow . . . . . SULLIVAN
Brigadier . . . . . CONWAY
Field officers . . COLo RICHARDSON, Lt COLo PARK
Picquet . . . . . MAJR BALL
Brigade Majr. . . . . . DAY

THE commanding officers of Regiments are without delay to send to the Provost for such of their men as have been try'd & their sentences publish'd.

The Battalion of Militia from Virginia Commanded by Colo Rumney are to be attach'd to, & do duty with General Scotts Brigade

Brigadier General Polisque (*sic.* Pulaski?) will make a Return of the Horse as soon as possible.

A pair of brass mounted pistols with white metal locks was taken from General Muhlenburgs Horse at Head quarters, twenty dollars will be given to any Person who will bring them to him & no questions ask'd. A Pistol with two brass Barrels were lost by Capt Lee of the light Horse: His Cypher H. L. was on the Thumb piece. 20 Dollars will be given to the person who will bring it to him.

John Lauranse Esqr appointed on the 6th of September Extra Aid D Camp to the Com-

mander in Chief, is now appointed A D Camp to him, and is to be obey'd as such.

Thomas Mullens Esqr appointed the 3^{d} Instant to act as Maj^{r} Brigade to General Conway is now for his Gallant behaviour on the 4th Instant appointed Major Brigade to Genl Conway and is to be respected & obey'd as such.

The Commanding officers of Corps are every morning to Report the Strength of them to their Brigadier, or Officers Comm^{g} Brigades that it may be known what Straglers have joind.

Buck-shott are to be put in all the Cartridges which shall be hereafter made.

D. O. *Camp. Perkyomen. 7th Oct. 1777.*

The General returns his sincere thanks to the Officers and Soldiers of his Division for their behaviour in the action at German Town. Nevertheless he has the mortification to hear that some few behav'd ill, who are arrested and reported to his Excellency. The General has the highest confidence in the troops of his Division, and in the Spirit and good Conduct of the Officers. He has the Mortification to assure the Troops that from the best information they fled from victory: & he wishes most ardently, that the troops may be convinc'd of the Necessity of Retreating and rallying again Briskly; and that a Partial retreat, to change a position is often necessary, and therefore a

particular Retreat is not to be consider'd General without the order is such. Notwithstanding the fog depriv'd us of the opportunity of seeing how to conduct our own approaches on the Enemy's confusion and of giving them a compleat rout which undoubtedly we should have done had the weather been clear: Nevertheless he has the satisfaction to assure the troops the enemy suffer'd very severely.

The Arms and Ammunition are to be put in good order as soon as possible; and every thing got in readiness for attack or defence.

Head quarters. 7th Oct. 1777. G.O

Major General tomorrow . . . . . GREENE
Brigadier . . . . . SMALWOOD
Field Officers . . LT COL° BULLER. MAJ^R VAUGHAN
D°. D°. for Picquet . . . . MAJ^R NICHOLAS
Brigade Maj^r. . . . . . PLATTS

THE State Regiment from Virginia, to Supply the place of the 9th Regiment in Muhlenburgs Brigade and do duty there till farther orders.

John Farndon of Col° Hartley's Regiment found Guilty of the Crime of Desertion & Sentenced by a General Court Martial held the 25th of September last to suffer death Is to be executed tomorrow at 12 O Clock The situation of the Army frequently not admitting of the Regular performance of divine Service on Sundays the Chaplains of the Army

are forthwith to meet together and agree upon some method of performing it on other times which method they will make known to the Commander in Chief. Divers Swords as well as other things have lately been stole from Officers by Soldiers. Officers are Requested to take notice of such things seen in the Possession of their Men, and have them taken care of & Advertised.

Taken from head Quarters the fourth instant at Sunset a pair of Silver mounted Pistols with Dogheads whoever will bring them to head Quarters shall receive twenty Dollars Reward and no Questions asked. The Paymaster General is at Genl Conways Quarters at Thetwylers Mills where he will attend the business of his department

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Colo Stewarts *Regiment Detail*	*1.*	*0.*	*0.*	*1.*	*19.*	*0.*	*0.*

Head quarters, Skippack, 3d Octr. 1777.

The Troops to be ready to march at Six o'clock this evening. The Divisions of Sullivan, & Wayne to form the Right wing, and attack the Enemy's left; They are to march down the Monotony * road.

The Division of Greene and Stephens to form the left Wing and attack the Enemy's Right. They are to march down the Skippack road. General Conway to march in front

* Manatawney.

of the Troops that compose the Right Wing, and file off to attack the Enemy's left. General Mc Dugal to march in front of the Troops that compose the left Wing, and file off to attack the Enemy's right flank.

General Nash's, and General Maxwell's Brigades to form the Corps D Rerserve (*sic*), and to be commanded by Major General Ld Stirling. The Corps D' Reserve to pass down the Skippack road.

General Armstrong to pass down the Ridge Road by Levering's Tavern and take guides to cross Wissahiccon Creek about the head of John Vandeerings mill dam so as to fall in about Josh Warners new house.

Smalwood and Foreman to pass down by a Mill, formerly Daniel Morris's and Jacob Edjes Mill into the White marsh Road, at the Sandy Run — thence to white Marsh Church — there take the left hand road which leads to Jenkins's Tavern on the old York Road, then keep down the old York Road below Armitages beyond the Seven mile Stone; half a mile from which, a Road turns off short to the Right hand fenc'd on both sides, which leads through Enemy's Encampment at Germantown Market House.

Genl Mc Dugal to attack the Right Wing of the Enemy in flank — General Smalwood and Foreman to attack their Right wing in flank and Rear General Conway to attack the Enemy's left flank and Genl Armstrong to attack their left Wing in flank and Rear.

The Militia who are to act on the flanks are not to have any Cannon.

The packs and Blankets to be left. The men to carry their provisions in their Haversacks; or in any other manner least inconvenient.

All the Pioneers of each Division who are fit to march are to march in front of their Respective Divisions with all the axes they can muster.

Every Officer and Soldier to have a piece of white Paper in his hatt.

Picket on the left at Van Deering's mill will be taken by Gen! Armstrong — One at Allens House on Mount Airy by General Sullivan — One at Luken's mill by General Greene.

Each Column to make their Disposition so as to attack the picquets in their Respective Routs precisely at 5 oClock with charg'd Bayonets without fireing, and the Column to move on to the attack as soon as possible.

The Columns to endeavour to get within two miles of the Enemy's Picquets on their Respective Routs by 2 oClock and there halt till four and make the disposition for attacking the picquets at the time above mention'd

The Columns of Continental Troops and Militia to communicate with each other from time to time by Light Horse.

Proper Flanking parties to be kept out from each Column.

G. WASHINGTON.

Head quarters, 8th Oct. 1777. — G. . O. .

Majr. General tomorrow	Lo. Stirling
Brigadier	
Field Officers	
Brigade Majr.	Nichols
Field officer for Picquet	Majr. Polk

THE Brigade Majors are to give in Returns tomorrow of the number of mens arms and Accoutrements wanting in the Regiments of each Brigade that they may be compleated immediately: also Returns of the tin Canisters.

The mens pouches to be greas'd once a week.

The Commanding Officers of Regiments are ordered to select the best men for makeing Mocasins, and set them about it immediately.

The Commissary's are to take care of the hides &c.

Thomas Farndon to be executed tomorrow at 12 oCl: Sixty men from each Brigade to parade at the Park at that time.

Head quarters 9th Octr. 77 — G. O.

Majr. General Tomorrow	Stephens
Brigadier	Wayne
Field Officers	Lieut. Colo. Swift & Lieut. Colo. Ross
Dr. for Picquet	Majr. Force

BY General Orders of 13th Sept., a distribution of Tents was thus directed: One Soldiers Tent for the Field officers of each Regiment, one for Every four Commission'd officers and one to every eight privates. The Commanding officers of

Regiments are immediately to Examine into the number of Tents and cause all beyond the foregoing allowance to be collected and delivered to the Brigade Quarter Masters: In the first place to supply those Corps in their Brigades who are short in their allowance and the Residue to be deliver'd over to the Q M General to supply the Militia and such other Corps as are destitute.

The Commander in Chief expects the General Officers and those Commanding Brigades will see this order carried into effectual and immediate execution.

Brigadier General Nash will be inter'd at 10 o'clock this forenoon with military honours at the place where the roads cross'd and where the troops march'd in yesterday. All officers whose circumstances will admit, are to attend and pay this Respect to a brave man who dy'd in defence of his country.

The execution of John Farndon is pospon'd, till Tomorrow at noon.

The General Court martial whereof Colonel Broadhead was president is to set tomorrow morning at eight oClock at the Horsemans tent near the Artillery Park.

Head quarters. . 10th Oct. 1777. — G. O.

Majr. General tomorrow . . . . . SULLIVAN
Brigadier . . . . . SCOTT
Field Officers . . . COLO MARSHALL. MAJR HAY
Brigade Majr. . . . . . COX
Field Officer for Pickett . . MAJR FRANCES MURREY

THE Chaplains of the Army to meet tomorrow at 12 o'clock in the rear of the park of Artillery for the purpose mention'd in the General orders of 7th Instant.

The Pay-master General will attend the Business of his department at General Weedons quarters at Mr. Finneys House.

A court of enquiry, consisting of four members and Majr. General Ld. Stirling president, is to sit this day at 12 o clock at the Presidents quarters to examine into the conduct of Majr. General Sullivan in the expedition commanded by him against Staten Island in the Month of August last. Majr. Taylor & other officers who can give information of this matter are to attend: but if the court see cause to pospone the examination for want of evidence, (after hearing what Majr. Taylor has to Relate on that head) they are to do it accordingly.

GENERAL McDUGAL)
GENERAL KNOX)
COLONEL SPENCER) *Members*
COLONEL CLARK)

The General being inform'd that much provisions are wasted by the irregular manner in which it is drawn and cook'd: does in earnest terms exort the officers commanding Corps, to look into, and prevent abuses of this kind; and in very express terms desires that they will see their men have provisions by them ready for any immergency: and Moreover, that they will be particularly attentive to the execution of orders both as to time and manner: Ardently wishing, that the necessity of a Rigid compliance with them may be deeply impress'd upon the mind of every Officer, who ought to consider how impracticable it is to carry on any Military opperations without it. It is not for every Officer to Know the principles upon which orders are issued, and to Judge how they may, or may not be dispens'd with or Suspended: but their duty to carry them into execution with the greatest punctuality and exactness — They are to consider that military movements are like the working of a Clock, and will go equally regular and easy if every Officer does his duty: but without it, be as easily disorder'd; because neglect in any one part, like the stoping of a Wheel disorders the whole.

The General therefore expects, that every Officer will duly consider the importance of the observation: Their own honour, Reputation, and the duty they owe their Country claims it of them; and he earnestly calls upon them to do it.

The General directs that the Arms be put in the best order without loss of time, Ammunition compleat, and every thing in Readiness against a Sudden call if such should be made upon us.

Those who want Ammunition are to be supply'd immediately by orders from the A. General; but at the foot of each Return an account is to be render'd how the deficiency arises

Promotions in consequence of the late deaths and Resignations will now take place as a Reward to the merits of deserving Officers. The Succession in which they are to be made agreeable to General Orders is to be reported by the General Officers of each Division or Brigade; after consulting the Field Officers of the Regiment they belong to.

Officers who are under the imputation of cowardice, or whose characters are otherways impeachable are to be noted, as the Gen.l is determin'd to discriminate between the good and bad; This order to be confin'd to promotion — No new appointments will take place at this time in the week state of the Regiments.

11th Oct.r 1777. *B. O.*

A court of enquiry to sit this day at 12 o'clock to examine into the Conduct of Lieutenant Brock of 10th Virginia Regiment in not Joining his Regiment at the proper time. Col.o Stewart is appointed president of this Court —

L.t Col.o Syms — Major John Murray — One Captain from 2.d Virginia Regiment and one from the 6.th Virginia Regiment, Members — All evidences to attend where the president shall direct.

A Draught is to be immediately made of twenty men from the Brigade for additionals to Captain Doughty's Artillery and as the Credit and safety of our Artillery depends on the goodness of the men employ'd in useing them, the General requests the Officers Commanding Regiments to send none for that purpose but those in whom a proper dependence may be put.

Those Recruits which have lately Join'd the 2.d Virg.a Regiment are to be divided among the different Companies in the Regiment so as to bring them most upon an equality, allowing the Recruiting officers the first Choice.

G. . O. .

H.d Quarters. Towamensing. 11.th Oct. 1777.

Maj.r General tomorrow . . . . . GREENE
Brigadier . . . . . MUHLENBURG
Field Officers . COLONEL CHANDLER, COLONEL NELSON
D.o for Picquett . . . . . MAJ.R SUMNER
Brigade Maj.r . . . . . JOHNSTON

THE Court of enquiry of which Lord Stirling is president now siting at the Presidents quarters is to enquire into the conduct of Brigadier General Wayne Viz.t that he had timely notice of the enemy's intentions to attack the Troops under

his Command on the night of the 20th Ult.o and notwithstanding that intelligence he neglected makeing a disposition untill it was too late, either to annoy the enemy, or make a Retreat without the utmost danger & Confusion. The President will give notice when the Court can enter on the Enquiry, when the Parties and Evidences are to attend.

A Flag will go to the Enemy's lines on Monday next at 9 o'Clock in the morning. All Persons haveing letters, or things to send in, will have them ready at Head Quarters by that time

TWICE A WEEK, *viz.* . On Wednesdays and Saturdays, The Officers of each Company are to Inspect their mens Arms, Ammunition and accoutriments to see that they are in perfect order and that nothing is wanting. At the first inspection, they are to take an exact account of every article belonging to each man, and if afterwards any be missing, they are immediately to report the same to the Officer Commanding their Regiment that the matter may be enquir'd into (If he judges it proper) by a Regimental Court Martial, and the delinquent punish'd if deserving and Charg'd with the articles lost to be deducted out of his wages —

The Militia from the County's of P.t William — Culpepper — Louden & Berkley in the state of Virginia are to ( ) form'd into a Brigade under the Command of Colonel William Crawford.

The Q Master & Commissary Generals are to appoint persons therein to do the duty's of their respective departments —

All the Troops that came from Peeks-kill under the Command of General Varnum — Mr. Dugal — Huntingdon — (Malcoms Regiment excepted) are to be thrown into two Brigades in such manner as those Gentlemen shall think best: a Report of which is to be made to Commr. in Chief for his further orders. Colo. Malcoms Regt. is to Join General Conways Brigade.

Twelve Light horse with an Officer are to mount guard every ( ) with the Picquets and to be dispos'd of with the picquets for the purpose of Conveying every intelligence in Such a way, as the Major General of the day shall direct

The Commanding officers of those Company's, which were rais'd as part of the sixteen Battalions, and at different times annex'd to other Regiments are to make immediate return to the Adjutant General of their Strength, and in what Regt. they are doing duty

The General has the pleasure to inform the Army that the Congress have in an Unanimous resolve express'd their thanks to the Officers and men, concernd in the attack on the Enemy near German Town on the 4th Instant; for their brave exertions on that occasion, and hopes the approbation of that honourable body will stimulate them to still nobler acts on every future occasion.

Captain Paul Parker of Colº Hartleys Regiment is appointed to do the duty of Brigade Major in General Waynes Brigade till further orders and is to be respected and obey'd as Such.

All firing of Guns are absolutely forbidden, unless by licence first obtain'd of the Majr General of the day: and the Instant a gun is fir'd, a Serjeant and file of men shall be sent to catch the Villain who is thus wasting ammunition and alarming the Camp. All officers are strictly requir'd to see this order put in execution.

The Brigade Major of the day is to bring four Drums and Fifes to the parade to be distributed to the Guards if necessary or otherwise dispos'd of as the Brigadier of the day shall direct.

Head qrs 12th Oct. 1777. G. O.

Major General Tomorrow . . . . . STEPHENS
Brigadier . . . . . SMALWOOD
Field officers . . COLº PATTON. L: COLº MEAD
Brigade Major . . . . . PEERS
Field officer for Picquet . . . . L: COLº DAVIS

MAJR LOCKHART of the 3d N. Carolina Regiment is promoted to the Rank of L: Colonel in the 8th Regiment in that State in the room of L: Colº Ingram resign'd.

Captain Henry Dickerson of the 1st N Carolina Regiment is promoted to the Rank

of Major in the 3d Regiment of said state in the room of Majr Lockhart promoted

The Commander in Chief approves the following Sentences of a General Court Martial held the 3d Instant. Viz — Ensign Carson of the 4th Virginia Regiment charg'd with accusing Ensign Ford of cowardice; also geting drunk in the morning and behaving in an Ungentelman-like manner. Found guilty of the charge brought against him and sentenc'd to be discharg'd from the service.

It is the ardent wish of the Commander in Chief that the duty of the Camp may be perform'd with the greatest exactness and regularity and desires that the Major Genl Brigadier General and Field officer of the day, attend the parade at the time of Guard mounting and see that the Guards are duly march'd off and every thing conducted with propriety — Henceforward, the guards are to parade at 9 oClock in the morning — The Officers have now an opportunity of attending to the discipline of the Troops. . . . Every day, when the weather will permit, the Corps are to be turn'd out and practic'd in the most essential exercises: Particularly, primeing and loading — advancing — forming — Retreating — breaking — and Rallying

No pains are to be Spar'd to improve the Troops in this point.

All parties & Witnesses concern'd in the charge against Genl Wayne are to attend at

Lord Stirlings Quarters tomorrow morning at 9 oCl:

The Q M General is directed to provide paper immediately, that the troops may be furnish'd immediately.

Head Quarters 13th Oct. 1777. G. O.

Majr. General tomorrow . . . . . SULLIVAN
Brigadier . . . . . VARNUM
Field officers . COLONEL BRADLEY. L: COLo GREENE
Brigade' Majr. . . . . . DAY
Field officer for picquet . . . . MAJR STERRETT

SENDING the flag to the Enemys lines will be defer'd till Tomorrow at 9 oclock.

Those Battalions and Corps that have Join'd the army since the 3d Instant are to attend to the orders of that day with regard to making out their Muster Rolls. An immediate attention to this duty is requir'd of every officer who has not already perform'd it.

It is with real grief and amazement that the General observes by the late returns how deficient of arms and accoutriments the Continental arms are; He directs that they may be immediately supply'd with muskets and if there is not a sufficient number of Cartouch boxes that the tin Canisters be taken from those who have Cartouchboxes to supply the defect of those who have none. After this, the General positively orders that the arms, ammunition and accoutriments be examin'd

once a day, by an officer of each Company. That this may certainly be done, he expects the Commanding officer of each Regiment will give particular attention to the duty here injoin'd; He also recommends it to the General officers as a matter well worthy of their care. any soldier who shall after this loose, sell, or otherways dispose of his arms, accoutriments or cloathing shall be punish'd in the most Exemplary manner without the smallest mitigation. As there are not spare Cartouch Boxes at this time to supply the Militia: Colo Crawford is desir'd to use his utmost skill & Industry to procure Horns & Pouches to carry their Ammunition in; or to adopt any other Method he may (upon consulting his officers) find more Expeditious — He is to appoint some active Person, acquainted with duty as Brigade Major Protem. who will be allow'd pay during the time he acts.

As many great and valuable advantages would result from having the arms of a Division; or even a Brigade of the same Bore: The Commander in Chief directs, that each officer Commanding a Brigade would have a Return instantly made to him of the different Calibers, and number of each kind in his Brigade: and that as soon as this is done; Major General Sullivan would call together all the General officers and Offrs Commanding Brigades and see if Such a disposition of arms can be effected as many happy consequences would flow from it

After Orders. Oct. 13th 77.

Altho orders have been given to Compleat the Army to 40 Rounds p.r man; the General did not intend that they should be distributed to the men 'till further orders, except as far as should be necessary to fill the Cartridge Boxes & Tin Canisters. all above that number are to be Collected immediately and deposited in a good coverd wagon of the Brigade or Division: no delay is to be made in this Matter, lest the Cartridges be Spoil'd or lost.

The Companies rais'd by Captains, Steel, Irwin, Heartly, & Calderwood, are to Join Colonel Malcoms Regiment & compose part of it.

What Blankets, Breeches and Shoes are in the Clothiers Store are to be distributed tomorrow upon application to him without further orders

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Head Quarters. 14th Oct. 1777.

Majr General tomorrow	GREENE
Brigadier	HUNTINGDON
Field Officers . . COL.o STEPHENS.	L: COL.o LYNLEY
Brigade Majr.	PLATT
Picquet	MAJR BRUSTER

THE officers on guard are to make report to the officers of the day, who will report the whole to the Adj.t General.

D.r Craick director of the Hospital at Reading has sent a list of the wounded there

whose Blankets and other necessaries remain in Camp. The Commanding officers of Regiments, are immediately to make most diligent search for all such necessaries, belonging to the Wounded of their Respective Regiments; collect them together, and lodge them with all possible dispatch at the Q M.r Generals Quarters The wounded are now suffering for want of them, and not a moment is to be lost in relieving those brave men who have suffer'd in their Country's cause. The Brigade Majors are to send lists of their Names to the officers commanding Regiments without delay

—— Hichcock Esq.r is appointed to do the duty of Brigade Major in the 2.d Maryland Brigade, late De Borres & is to be respected accordingly.

John Lawson Esq.r Adjutant to the Prince-william Militia is appointed to do the duty of Brigade Maj.r in the Brigade of Militia under the command of Col.o Crawford, & is to be respected as Such.

Rich.d Emmory Esq.r is appointed to do the duty of Brigade Maj.r in the 1.st Maryland Brigade and is to be respected accordingly.

Head Quarters 15th Oct 1777.

Majr. General tomorrow . . . . . STEPHEN
Brigadier . . . . . WEEDON
Field Officers . . . COLo LEWIS. L: COLo NAGLE
Brigade Majr. . . . . . PARKER
Picquet . . . . . MAJR RICHARDSON

THE General has the repeated pleasure of informing the army, of the success of the Troops under the Command of General Gates over General Burgoyne. On the 7th Instant, the action commenc'd about 3′ oclock afternoon between the picquets of the two armies, which was reinforced on both sides. — The contest was warm & continued with obstinacy till eve'ning, when our Troops gain'd the advanc'd lines of the Enemy & encamp'd on that ground all night. — The enemy fled & left behind them 330 Tents, with kettles boiling with Corn. — Eight brass Field pieces. — Two 12 & 6 Six pounders. — upwards of 200 of their Dead, & the baggage of their flying army. General Frazer is among their dead — our Troops took 550 Non-commission'd officers & privates prisoners, besides Sr. Francis Carr Clark, Aid D Camp to General Burgoyne a quarter Master General (said to be Carleton) — The Commanding officers of Artillery of a Forraign Brigade, & of the British Granadiers, & a Number of Inferior Rank. — Two of our Generals, Lyncoln & Arnold were wounded in the leg. Besides these, our troops suffer'd but very little; They behav'd

with great bravery and intripidity, & have thus a Second time triumph'd over the valor of Veteran Troops. When the last accounts came away: General Burgoynes army was retreating & ours persueing.

The General congratulates the Troops on this Signal victory, the third capital advantage, which under divine providence we have gain'd in that quarter & hopes it will prove a powerful Stimulous to the army under his immediate Command; at least to equal their Northern Brethren in brave & intripid exertions when call'd thereto. The General wishes them to consider that this is the grand American Army, and that of course great things are expected from it: It is the army of whose Superior prowess many have boasted What Shame then & dishonour will attend us if we Suffer ourselves in every instance to be outdone — We have a force sufficient (by the Favour of Heaven) to crush our Foe, & nothing is wanting but a Spirited persevering exertion of it. — To which, besides the motives before mention'd; duty, & the love of our Country irresistably impell us. The effects of such powerful motives no man who possesses the Spirit of a Soldier can withstand

Spur'd on by them, the General assures himself that on the next occasion, his Troops will be compleatly successful

In honour of the Northern army, & to celebrate their Victory; 13 pieces of Cannon

are to be discharg'd at the Artillery park, at 5 o'clock this afternoon: previous to which, the Brigades & Corps are to be drawn out on their respective parades, & those orders distinctly read to them by their officers.

Those men in Colonel Crawfords Brigades of Militia, whose pieces cannot be drawn, are to be discharg'd, at Five oClock this afternoon.

The Troops are to march tomorrow from the right at 7 oClock in the morning. The Majr. General of the day will point out the order of march.

Brigade Returns are to be made immediately of all Seamen in the respective Corps of the army.

The Brigadiers & officers commanding Brigades are without the Smallest delay, to make strict enquiry about the tin Canisters which have been issued to them, and report the number now with them and inform what is become of the rest.

A Court of enquiry consisting of 5 members — one of which General Greene is to be President is to sit at the Presidents quarters at 3 o'clock this afternoon to enquire into the charges against Brigadier General Maxwell. — All Witnesses are to attend at the same time. Brigadier General Muhlenburg — & varnum — Colo. Stewart and Richardson are appointed members of this Court.

A General Court Martial of horse officers is to sit at Colo. Moylands quarters, tomorrow

at 9 oClock in the morning for the trial of all Prisoners of the horse, which shall be brought before them — Colº Moyland is appointed President of this court.

Detail the same as yesterday, only the Six Brigades which furnish'd Captains yesterday, are not to do it tomorrow: the other Six furnish them, and the North Carolina Brigade is to give but Sixteen Privates for Picquet.

After orders.

As the army is to march tomorrow at 7 o,clock — the new Picquets are to be on the Grand Parade an hour before agreable to General orders of the 15th. September. (The Brigade Majors will remember that this was a standing order)

Head quarters Warcester Township. 16th Octr. 1777.

Major General tomorrow . . . . . SULLIVAN
Brigadier . . . . . Mc DUGAL
Field officers COLº MARTIN *of Jersey.* L: COLº HAN
Field officer for Picquet. . . . . MAJOR BAYARD
B Major . . . . . WILLIAMS

THE Commander in Chief positively orders, that the Horse encamp compactly in the rear of the Army, and as near Head Quarters as possible

The Regiments are to continue to draw materials; and go on making Cartridges every day with care and dispatch: and when made, they are to be return'd to the Commissary of Military Stores.

The Court of enquiry of which Major

General L.d Stirling was President, held the 12th. Instant, to examine into the conduct of Major General Sullivan in the Expedition commanded by him to Staten Island in the month of august last: report their opinion as follows. Viz:

The Court after hearing the evidences against Major General Sullivan, and those produc'd by him in his defence, and duly considering the same, are unanimously of opinion that the expedition against the Enemy on Staten Island was eligible, and promis'd great advantage to the cause of America: that the expedition was concerted and the orders for the execution proper, and wou'd have succeeded with reputation to the General and troops under his Command, had it not in some measure been render'd abortive by accidents which were out of the power of the General to foresee or prevent: that General Sullivan was particularly active in embarking the troops to the Island and took every precaution to bring them off; that he made early provision to refresh the Troops of his Division at Elizabeth Town when they return'd to the Jerseys; and that upon the maturest consideration of the Evidence in possession of this Court that he deserves the approbation of his Country and not the Censure. The Court are therefore of opinion unanimously that he ought to stand honourably acquitted of every unsoldier like Conduct in the expedition against Staten Island.

After orders

The Regiments commanded by Colonels Greene — Angill — Durgie — & Chandler, are to form one Brigade under the command of Brigadier General Varnum. — The Regts commanded by Colo Prentice — Bradley — & Swift are to form one Brigade under the Command of Brigadier Genl Huntington: Those two Brigades form a Division to be commanded by Brigr General Mc Dugal.

Division Orders. 9 o: Clock P: M: 16th Oct. 1777.

The 2d & 5th Virginia Regiments, with the Pennsylvania State Regiment, are to have one days provision Cook'd, and be in readiness to march at eleven o: Clock tomorrow; the Recruits belonging to those Regiments are to be left behind — General Weedon will take Command of this Detachment — he will receive orders at head quarters.

Head Quarters. Peter Wintzes 17th Oct. 1777.

Major General tomorrow . . . . . STEPHEN
Brigadier . . . . . WAYNE
Field officers . . COLO JOHNSTON & L: COLO NAVILLE
Field officer for Picquet . . . . MAJOR MORRIS
BMajor . . . . . HITCHCOCK

THE Troops are to be under arms eleven oClock this Forenoon, except those men who are employ'd in making Cartridges and the General expects that the Commanding officer of each Regiment daily keeps a number of the best

hands diligently working at that business till further orders. The troops are to parade with one days provisions ready Cook'd

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Division orders — 11 oClock P. M.

The 1st. Virginia Regiment in General Muhlenburg's Brigade, & the 6th. In General Weedon's Brigade, are to be in readiness to march tomorrow morning by Sun-rise; L. Colo Greene who Commands this Detachment will receive orders at Head Quarters.

Head Quarters. Peter Wentzes, Oct. 18th 1777.

Major General tomorrow . . . . . Lo Stirling
Brigadier . . . . . Scott
Field officers . . L: Colo Russel. L. Colo Gurney
Field officer for Picquet . . . . Major Lockart
B Major . . . . . Emory

THE General has his happiness compleated, relative to the success of our Northern Army. — On the 14th. Instant General Burgoyn and his whole army surrender'd themselves Prisoners of War. Let every face Brighten and every heart expand with greatful joy and praise to the Supreme disposer of all humane events, who have granted us this signal success. — The Chaplains of the Army are to prepare short discourses, suited to the Joyful occasion, to deliver to their Several Brigades, or Corps at five o,Clock this evening. Immediately after this, 13 pieces of Cannon are to be discharg'd

at the Park of Artillery: to be follow'd by a Feu-de joy with blank Cartridges or powder by every Brigade and Corps of the Army: beginning on the right of the front line and runing on to the left of It; and then instantly beginning on the left of the Second line and runing on to the right of It where it will end — The Majr. General of the day will Superintend and regulate the Feu de joy.

The officers Commanding Brigades and Corps, are to draw out their men (excepting those on duty) every day when the Weather permits, to practice the most necessary Manœuvres — particularly to advance in line — from thence to form Columns to go thro' passes and openings in Fences and reduce them again — to retire in line and Column and form again. In a word, to perform all those movements which in Action a woody and inclos'd Country shall make necessary.

After orders. 7 o. Clock

Two hundred men with two Field officers — four Captains and eight Subalterns from each Division Viz: Sullivan — Greene — Waynes — Mc Dugal — Ld Stirling — & Stephen's are to parade tomr morning at Sun-rise in the Field before the front line with Arms, Accoutriments, and Ammunition, and at least one days provisions cook'd: but without either packs or Blankets.

General Sullivan will take Command of the whole

Division orders. 7 oClock. P. M.

The German Battalion with what provisions they have on hand are to parade in front of the Division Commanded by Gen! McDugal at Sun-rise tomorrow morning

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Head Quarters 19th Oc^{r}. 1777.

Major General tomorrow . . . . . SULLIVAN
Brigadier . . . . . HUNTINGTON
Field officers . . . COL^{o} PRICE. L. COL^{o} BREARLY
Field officer for Picquet . . . . MAJOR CROPPER
B. Major . . . . . M^{c} GOWIN

THE Brigadiers and officers Commanding Brigades are to appoint General Courts martial in their respective Brigades, for the trial of all Non-Commission'd officers and privates now in the Provost belonging to their respective Brigades: These Courts are to Sit tomorrow morning at 9 °Clock, and daily afterwards till all the prisoners are try'd. Each Court will appoint their Judge Advocate

The Commander in Chief approves the following Sentences of a General Court Martial held the 7th and 10th Instant whereof Col^{o} Broadhead was President. Viz.

Captain Cromp of the first Virginia Regiment charg'd with *Cowardice:* is found guilty, and sentenc'd to be Cashier'd and his Name — place of abode — and his punishment publish'd in the News papers in and about the Camp: and in the News papers of the particular State

he belongs to, or in which he usually resides: after which It shall be deem'd Scandalous for any officer to associate with him.

Cap.t John Stoner of the 10.th Pens.a Regiment, charg'd with leaving the Regiment in a Cowardly manner in the action at Chads-ford on Brandy-wine on the 11.st September last, found guilty of leaving his Regiment improperly the 11.th Sep.r last when an action was expected; but not in a Cowardly manner, and Sentenc'd to be repremanded by the Brig.r of the Brigade the 10.th Pens.a is in — in presence of the officers of the officers (*sic*) of the Brigade.

L.t Simon Morgan of the 13.th Virg.a charg'd with Cowardice on the 4.th Instant: acquitted with honour by the unanimous opinion of the Court.

L: Rains of the 15.th Virg.a charg'd with sending a Soldier (William Bluford) to bring water in a tin Cartouch box, found not guilty by the unanimous opinion of the Court.

L.t Col.o Byrd; charg'd with Countermanding the orders Col.o Bland gave to two soldiers to fall into their Ranks repeatedly on parade, and for disobeying the orders of Col.o Bland when directed to order the said men into their Ranks, on the night the Cavalry pass'd the Schuylkill. —. Col.o Byrd admitted the Justness of the Charge: whereupon the Court consider'd whether Col.o Bland had, or had not a right to Command L: Col.o Byrd while a Superior officer was present and determin'd that he had not.

After orders.

The whole army is to be ready to march tomorrow morning at 4 o.clock, with what Tents, necessary Baggage &c: are at the present Encampment. — If any of the troops have not already drawn provisions for tomorrow; It is now to be drawn & Cook'd without delay

The Commissaries of Divisions are instantly to Send down Provisions for their respective Detachments which march'd this morning: with orders to reach the Detachments before they Stop.

Head Quarters. 21st Oct. 1777.

Major General Tomorrow . . . . . SULLIVAN
Brigadier. . . . . . CONWAY
Field officers . . COL° HALL. MAJOR STUBBLEFIELD
Field officer for Picquet . . . . MAJOR HOWARD
B Major . . . . . JOHNSTON

Head Quarters. Morris's. Whitpin Township. upper Dublin 22d Oct. 1777.

Major General Tomorrow . . . . . GREENE
Brigadier . . . . . SMALWOOD
Field officers . COL° CHAMBERS. L: COL° THACKSTON
Field officer for Picquet . . . . . L. COL° FORD
B Major . . . . . PEERS

SUCH of the troops as have not already drawn provisions for to day & tomorrow, are to do it Immediately, and cook the whole, and be ready to march at the Shortest notice

Division orders

The 2d & 10. Virg.a with the Pens.a State Regiment in Gen.l Weedons Brigade, to hold themselves in readiness to march at 6. oClock this Evening. — The 5th Virg.a and German Regiment of Gen.l Muhlenburgs Brigade also to be in Readiness to march at the Same time; without Blankets, or any kind of Encumbrance — to be compleat with Forty rounds of Ammunition

Division after Orders

The whole Division is to be in readiness to move this evening at 6 oClock. Every man is to be provided with forty rounds of Ammunition — a Gill of Rum & a Blanket.

Head Quarters. Oct. 23d. 1777.

Major General Tomorrow . . . . . STEPHENS
Brigr. . . . . . WOODFORD
Field officers . . . COL.o SUMMER. MAJOR MILLER
Field officer for Picquet . . . . . MAJOR BALL
B. Major . . . . . PARKER

Head Quarters. 24th Oct. 1777.

Major General Tomorrow . . . . . SULLIVAN
Brigr. . . . . . VARNUM
Field officers . . COL.o PRENTICE. L.t COL.o WELTNER
Field officer for Picquet . . . . . L.t COL.o POPE
B. Major . . . . . ALDEN

MANY abuses having been committed in Impressing horses for the Army; the Commander in Chief positively orders that, henceforward, no horses be impress'd by any Member

of the Army without an order from the Quarter Master General or one of his Deputies or assistants; or a special order from the Commander in Chief. —— The Brigade Quarter Masters are to make Returns Tomorrow afternoon at 5 o,Clock — of all the Rideing and Batt (*sic*) horses used in their Respective Brigades; and the Persons and their Rank in whose service they are used.

The General Court Martial whereof General Sullivan is appointed President is to sit tomorrow morning at 9 o,Clock at the Presidents quarters for the Trial of Brigadier General Wayne upon the Charge against him — "That he had timely notice of the Enemy's intentions to attack the troops under his Command on the night of the 20th Ult: and notwithstanding that Intelligence neglected making a Disposition until It was too late; either to annoy the Enemy, or make a Retreat without the utmost Danger and Confusion — General Muhlenburg — Weedon — Conway — and Huntington — Colonels Stephens — Dayton — Mc:Clennachan — Stewart — Bradley — Davis — De Hart — & Thackston are appointed Members of this Court.

Altho' the Enterprize under General Mc:Dugal prov'd fruitless, by reason of the Enemy's having abandon'd the post intended to have been attack'd: yet the Commander in Chief returns his thanks due the officers and men detach'd for that Service who two nights successively, cross'd and recross'd the Schuyl-

kill — and to those also under Generals Sullivan & Greene, who were design'd to facilitate General M^c^Dugals operations; for the fortitude and Chearfulness with which they went through the Night March and fatigue which occur'd in the Expedition.

Genl. after orders

The Court Martial for the trial of General Wayne, Is call'd at his own request.

Head Quarters 25th Octr. 1777.

Major General Tomorrow . . . . . STEPHENS
Brig^r^. . . . . . WOODFORD
Field officers . . . . COL^o^ LAWSON. MAJOR KAIT
Field officer for Picquet . . . . . MAJOR SCULL
B. Major . . . . . WILLIAMS

THE intention of a certificate upon Pay-abstracts under the hands of the Brigadiers was, that the truth of them should be made apparent upon a Comparison with the Weekly returns: and unless the Brigadiers make such comparisons; the signing of their Names is but an Empty form — The Commander in Chief therefore requires that henceforward, the Brigadiers; or officers Commanding Brigades that are without Brigadiers, carefully compare the Pay-abstracts with the Weekly returns before they make a Certificate of them.

The Commander in chief orders that a weekly Return be made of each Brigade tomorrow morning at 10 Oclock with out fail. the Returns to be made with all possible exact-

ness and of those men returnd on command, their respective Command, & the number on each are to be pointed out. The Gen.l will look to the Brigadier or Officers Commanding Brigades for the punctual compliance with this order. — The Commander in Chief approves the following sentence of a Gen.l Court Martial held the 14.th & 15.th Inst. where of Col.o Broadhead was President. & orders them to be put in execution immediately.—
L.t Nathan Ferris of Col.o Swifts Reg.t charg'd with being drunk & Incapable of doing his duty, when the army engagd the Enemy on the 4.th Inst. was found guilty & sentenced to be Cashierd — L.t Joseph Fish of Col.o Durkies Reg.t charg'd with leaving the Reg.t & Platoon he belong'd to while on the march towards the enemy on the Night of the 3.rd Inst and also of being disguised much with liquor," was acquited of the first charge and found guilty of being much disguised with liquor and sentenced therefore to be reprimanded by the Brig.r Gen in the presence of the officers of the Brigade; — The Gen.l again congratulates our troops on the success of our Arms, on wednesday last a body of about 1200 Hessians under the command of Count Denop made an attack on fort Merrun at red bank and after an action of 40 Minutes were repulsed with great loss. — Count Denop himself is wounded and taken Prisoner together with his Brigade Maj.r and about 100 other Officers and soldiers and about 100 were left dead on the field and as

they carried off many of their wounded, their hole loss is provably 400— Our loss was trifling the kill'd and wound'd amounting only to about 32— The next Morning a number of the enemy's ships came up and attacked Fort Mifflin and the Gallies— and after a severe Cannonade of several hours the ships thought proper to retire but in returning a 64 Gun ship and a frigate run aground and were burnt'd. —

Head Quarters upper Doublin Townſ
Octr. 26th 1777.

Majr. Genl. Tomorrow . . . . . GREENE
Brigr. . . . . . MAXWELL
Field Officers . . COLo BROWNE. MAJR SEDGWICK
Brigade Majr. . . . . . MULLENS
Field Officer for Picquet . . . . . MAJR SNEED

THE Court of enquiry of which Genl Greene was president relative to the Complaints against Genl Maxwell report their opinion as follows Vizt The Court of enquiry having fully enquired into the Complaints exhibited by Lt Colo Heath against Brigr Genl Maxwell whilst commanding the light corps are clearly of opinion that they are without Foundation saving that it appears he was once during said time disguised in liquor in such a manner as to disqualify him in some measure but not fully from doing his duty; and that once or twice besides his spirits were a little elivated by Spirituous Liquors. the Court submit to his excellency

better judgement wheather Gen! Maxwell from these Instances of Deviation ought to be subjected to a trial by Court Martial—
The Commander in chief directs that the Gen! Court Martial of which Gen! Sullivan is President as soon as the trial before them is finishd, proceed to the trial of Brigadier Gen! Maxwell upon the complaints refered to in the foregoing report—
The Commander in chief approves the following sentences of a Gen! Court Martial of which Col° Broadhead was president held the 17th 18 & 19th Ins! & orders that they be put in execution forthwith Viz!—
Lieu! Col° John Markham of the 8th Virginia Reg! chargd with having left the Reg! in time of action on the 4th Ins! and also on the Retreat of the same day, and also chargd with delay when ordered to support the Advanced Guard was by the Unanimous opinion of the Court found guilty of the Charge exhibited against him & Sentenced to be cashird. Cap! McCormick of the 13th Virginia Reg! Charged with laying down in time of action and behaving in a cowardly unofficer like manner was acquited with honor—
Lieu! Crane of the 5th Virginia Reg! charged with disobedience of orders also with breaking his arrest acquitted by the Unanimous opinion of the Court.—
L! Thomas Moore of Cap! Harrisons Company in the 13th Virginia Reg! Charged with encouraging the men to breed a mutiny and

otherwise behaving unbecoming the character of a gentleman or officer Was acquited.
Thomas Roch a matross in Capt. Serjeants Company of artillery in Colo. Cranes Regt. of artillery charged with desertion and attemting to go to the enemy — The Court are unanimously of opinion the Prisoner is Guilty of the charge against him and do unanimously sentence him to suffer death, this sentence is to be executed tomorrow at 12 Oclock near the Artillery Park 60 Men with Officers from each Brigade are to attend the execution —

After Orders

The execution of Thomas Roch is Respited for three days,

TIM: PICKERING *Adj*

GENERAL after Orders October 26th 1777 —

The Court of enquiry of which Genl Greene is President is to sit tomorrow morning at 9 Oclock at the Presidents Quarters to enquire into the conduct of Majr Genl Stephens on the March from the Clove to Skuylkill falls — In the action of the 11th Sept last on the Brandywine and more especially in the action of the 4th Inst at and about German Town on which occasion he is charged with acting unlike an officer Also into the charge against him for drunkinness or drinking so much as to act frequently in a manner unworthy the Character of an Officer —

TIM: PICKERING *Adt*

Head Quarters 27th Octo.r 1777 —

Maj.r Gen.l for Tomorrow . . . . . SULLIVAN
Brig.r Gen.l . . . . . SCOTT
Field Officers Lt. COL. BLUFORD. Lt. COL.o PATTON
Brigade Maj.r . . . . . HITCHCOCK
Field officer for Picquett . *the maj.r of Germ.n Batt.n*

SUCH Regimental pay masters as have not already received the pay for their Reg.ts for the month of august last are immediately to apply to the paymaster Gen.l for the Same they are also to bring in their Abstracts for the month of September and are to take particular notice that all Officers or men who have or are Missing are to be made up in the Company Pay Rolls, to the time they were made prisoners or missing and no longer — The Paymasters who have already delivrd their Pay-rolls are to call on the Paymaster Gen.l for the same and regulate them agreeable to this order — they are also at the same time to lodge with him lists of the Prisoners successing their Ranks —

Head Quarters October 28th 1777 —

Maj.r Gen.l Tomorrow . . . . . STEPHENS
Brig.r . . . . . WAYNE
Field Officers . COL.o OGDEN. Lt. COL.o LYTELL
Brigade Maj.r . . . . . MCGOWN
Field Officer for Picquett . . . . . MAJ.r ROSS

THE Honourable Congress have been pleas'd to promote Brigadier Gen.l Roberts Howe and Alexander McDougall to the Rank of Maj.r General in the service of the united States —

The Ranks of the Comptains & Subalterns in Col^{o} Mailons Reg^{t} are to be established as settled the 19th Ins^{t} by Col^{o} Ogden & Spencer and Lt Col^{o} Brearly. Capt McGown is appointed to do the duty of Brigade Maj^{r} in the Brigade late De Haas and is to be respected as such —

Head Quarters October 29th 1777

Maj^{r} General Tomorrow . . . . . SULLIVAN
Brig^{r} . . . . . SMALLWOOD
Field Officers . . . . L^{t} COL^{o} RHEA. MAJ^{R} WEST
Brigade Maj^{r}. . . . . . JOHNSTON
Field Officer for Picquett MAJ^{R} SMITH *of the 5th Maryland Reg^{t}.* . . . . . .

THE seamen returnd in Genl Muhlenburg, Weedons, Woodfords, Scotts 2 Maryland and Mcdougals brigades are to have by them three days Provision ready cooked and hold themselves in readiness to march at the Shortest notice —

After Orders

The Ammunition of each Brigade is to be inspected with (*sic*) delay and reports of the state of it immediately to be made

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Head Quarters Octr. 30th 1777 —

Majr. Genl. Tomorrow . . . . . Greene
Brigadier . . . . . Huntington
Field Officers . . Lt Colo Syme. Lt Colo Grier
Brigade Majr. . . . . . Day
Field Officer for Piquett . . . . Majr Harmer

THE Brigadiers and Officers Commanding Brigades are without loss of time to cause the arms and ammunition of their men to be put in the best order If proper care be taken Cartridges that are somewhat damp may be dried and fitted for use The seamen in the six Brigades named in yesterdays are to parade this forenoon at ten oclock in front of Genl Varnums Brigade with every thing belonging to them, & Provisions Ready to march —
The Execution of Tho. Roch is Respited till Tomorrow —
Such arms as are loaded and cannot be drawn are to be discharged under direction of the Officers, this afternoon at 4 Oclock but no pains are to be spared to draw all such as will possably admit of it. —
Divers horses and cattle having been brought off by the detachments under Genl Mcdugall which lately crossd the Skuylkill the persons who had or have them in possession are to report them immediately to the Q. Master Genl
Returns of the sick to go to the Genl Hospitals are to be made tomorrow Morning to the Surgeon Genl at Colo Biddles Quarters, a sufficient

number of camp Kettles are to be sent with the sick Those persons whose cases are very bad are to be sent immediately to the Quaquers meeting house at the 20 Miles Stone on the North Whales road where the Surgeons of hospitals will receive them. the arms of the sick are to be left under care of the Regt. Quaters Masters who are to deliver them to the Commissary of Military Stores—

A Few orderly men are to go with the sick to the Quaker meeting house proportioned to the number of the sick Whenever a Regt. marches the Surgeon belonging to it is to march with it to take care of the wounded and such as fall sick.—

The Commander in chief approves the sentence of a Genl Court Martial held the 13th Inst. of which Colo. Broadhead was President Viz: Colo. Alexander Martin of the 2nd N. Carolina Battallion arrested for Cowardise was acquitted of the charge he is therefore discharged from his arrest.

Head Quarters Octor. 31. 1777 —

Majr. Genl. for Tomorrow . . . . . STEPHENS
Brigr. . . . . . CONWAY
Field Officers . . COLo MARTIN MAJR BLOOMFIELD
Brigade Majr . . . . . PEARS
Fd Officer for Picquett . . . . . MAJR SMITH

RICHARD PLATT and Ranald Stephen MCdougall Esq. are appointed A D S D Camp to Majr. Genl MCdougall and are to be respected as such —

The Deputy Q. Master Genl. are to make a return to the Q Master Genl. Office of all the equipage stores Waggons &C in their Respective divisions — The returns to be made Tomorrow morning 9 Oclock —

The Commander in chief approves the following sentences of a Genl. Court Martial of the brigade of horse held the 24th Inst. of which Col. Bland was President Viz. Col. Mayland charged with disobedience of the orders of Genl. Pulaski — A cowardly and ungentlemanlike action in striking mr. Fulinski a Gentleman and an Officer in the polish service when disarmd and putting him under guard — and giving irritating Language to Genl. Pulaskie — — The Court were of opinion that Col. Maylon was not guilty and therefore Acquit of the Charge exhibited against him —

Col. Maylon is discharged from his arrest —

Archer Henley a Private of Col. Blands Regt. charged with Plundering Wm. Laurence was found guilty, and sentenced to run the gantlet through a detachment of 50 of the Brigade of horse —

Judah Gudley a private in Capt. Tallmages Troop of Col. Sheldens Regt. charged with extorting money from John Thomson — also for refusing to give himself up & attempting to escape from Capt. Richd. and Francis Taylor — and attempting to draw his sword to keep them off — was found guilty and sentenced to run the gauntlet through a detachment of 200 men of the Brigade of horse —— William

Patterson a private in Col.º Sheldons Reg.t Charged with plundering W.m Lawrence was found guilty and sentenced to run the gauntlet through a detachment of 50 men of the Brigade of horse —

Some doubts having arisen with regard to the order of promotions the Commander in chief thinks it expedient again to declare that promotions shall be Regimental as high as the rank of Cap inclusively. — all from that rank in the line of the State. But nevertheless to such exceptions as must or unworthiness shall under Just and proper agreeable to the Gen.l orders formerly isshued at middlebrook on this head — *

Head Quarters N.v 1.st 1777

Maj.r General Tomorrow . . . . . SULLIVAN
Brig.r . . . . . WAYNE
Field Officers . . COL.º LAMB. L.t COL.º HUBLY
Brigade Maj.r . . . . . M. WILLIAMS
Field Officer for Piquitt . . . . MAJ.r BUCKHART

THE Commissarys are directed to take all the liquors in the hands of the Sutlers at a reasonable price if they can agree and if they cannot the Sutlers are to carry them away, and no Sutler shall be allowed to continue in the army after the 5 Ins.t A General Court Martial of which General Sullivan was president was held the 25.th 26.th 27.th & 30.th of Octo.r last for the trial of General Wayne on the following charge

* A confused sentence in the original.

Viz^{t} That he had timely notice of the Enemys Intention to attack the Troops under his command on the night of the 20th Sepr last and notwithstanding that Intelligence neglected making a disposition untill it was too late, either to annoy the enemy or make a retreat without the utmost danger and confusion — upon which the court pronounce their sentence as follows — The court having fully considered the Charge against B G Wayne and the evidence produced to them are unanimously of opinion that General Wayne is not guilty of the charge exhibited against him; but that he on the night of the 20th ult that is of Sep^{t} last did every thing that could be expected from an active brave and Vigilent Officer under the orders he then had. The court do acquit him with the highest honour. The Commander in chief approves the Sentence —

The Court Martial of which Col^{o} Bland was president is disolv'd —

Thenceforward whenever any noncommissioned Officers or Soldiers shall be confin'd for crimes not triable by a Regimental Court Martial the Brigadiers or officers commanding Brigades are without delay to order court Martials to try them and the sentences of such court martials they are to approve or disapprove as to them shall appear just and cause them to be executed; except only when the prisoners are sentenced to suffer death —

As an encouragement to all persons to take

up and bring to Head Quarters any diserters from the Continental Army the Commander in chief hereby promises a reward of ten dollars for each diserter so taken and brought in, besides one shilling a mile for every mile they travel to be computed from the place where he is taken, to camp; this bounty and privalege to be paid to all noncommissioned Officers and soldiers, who bring in diserters, as well as the Inhabitants of the States —
Many reasons have concurd to induce, the commander in chief, to extend mercy to Thomas Roach Roach (*sic*) now under sentence of death for disertion and to grant him his pardon which is hereby declared. He is to return to his Corps immediately. The Commander in chief expecting that by his future good behaviour he will attone for his past crimes, and shew himself worthy of this act of clemency —
A detachment of 400 men with a proportion of Officers are to parade tomorrow morning at sun rise at the grand parade 30 light dragoons are to parade at the same time and place —
Colo Parker Lt Colo Nicholas & Majr Mentzes are the Field Officers to command this party

After Orders Nov. 1: 1777.

The army is to march tomorrow morning at 10 OClock with all the baggage; the Right Whing down the Skippack Road, in this order from the left —

Genl Wayne Division
Genl Sullivan
Lord Stirling

Park of artillery and waggons of that Whing in the order of the Divisions —

The left down the Road in which Gen! Greene is incamped in this order

Gen!: MCdougall
Gen!: Greene
Gen!: Stephens —

Waggons in the order of the Division's

The left Whing to march by the Right — The N. Carolina Brigade to march with Gen! MCdougalls Division and be considered as a part of it, during the absence of Gen! Varnums Brigade. The horse are to be divided half marching at the head of each Column —

The leading Divisions will beat a march when they move to be followed by the other divisions in their order —

Gen! Irvins Brigade to Follow the Right Whing and Gen! Smallwoods division the left Whing —

Head Quarters November 2d 1777

Major General Tomorrow . . . . . Greene
Brigadier . . . . . Irvine
Field Officers . Col: Broadhead. Lt Col. Innes
Field Officer for Picket . . . . . Major Polk
Brigade Major . . . . . Mullens

EACH Division is to open a road into the best and nearest Main Road leading into the Country, by which the Waggons and Troops may move with the greatest Ease and Dispatch. The Commander in Chief relies upon the officers

commanding Divisions, to see this necessary Work performed — The Waggons are to be drawn up regularly in the best order for moving and every Night the Horses are to be tied to the Waggons, and geered every morning by Day light — The Division and Brigade Q.r Masters are to be provided Straw for the troops taking none that is not threshed but the Men will collect what Leaves they can for the same End —

The General Court Martial of which Gen.l Sullivan is President is to set Tomorrow at the Presidents Quarters for the trial of Major Gen.l Stephen upon the Charges exhibited against him. The Delay that may arise from the Appointment of New Members, and the Impractacability of changing the Gen.l officers without introducing those who already have been on the Court of Inquiry relative to the same Charges renders it necessary that the Trial should be before the same Court —

Head Quarters November 3.d 1777

Major Gen.l Tomorrow . . . . . Mc. Dougall
Brigadier . . . . . Scott
Field Officers . . . Col Marshall. Lt Colo Butler
Field Officer for Picket . Brigade Major Mc. Gowen

THE Officers and Men are by no Means to be absent from Camp. Provisions for to day and Tomorrow are to be drawn and cooked immediately and every Thing held in readiness for

marching at the shortest Notice. The Brigadiers and Officers commanding Brigades are without loss of Time to provide themselves each with a Guide well acquainted with the neighbouring Country. The Waggons are to be in the rear of their respective Divisions, and kept ready to move as directed in Yesterday's Orders — The Qr Masters are to cause Necessaries to be made for the Convenience of each Brigade. The Colo of each Regiment of Horse is to make a return of the Number and Condition of his Horses and furniture, and of the Arms and Accoutriments of his Men, the returns to be made, and delivered in Tomorrow forenoon without fail —

Head Quarters November 4th 1777 —

Major Gen! Tomorrow . . . . . SULLIVAN
Brigad! . . . . . WOODFORD
Field Officers . . COLO HOGAN. MAJOR TAYLOR
Brigade Major . . . . . MINNIS

A GENL Court Martial of which Gen! Sullivan was President was held the 30th October last and the two following days for the Trial of Brigad! Gen! Maxwell in the following Charge That he was once during the Time he commanded the light Troops disguised with Liquor in such a Manner, as to disqualify him in some Measure but not fully from doing his Duty and that once or twice besides his Spirits were a little elevated with

Liquor, upon which the Court pronounced Sentence as follows The Court having considered the Charges and Evidence are of opinion that Brigad[r] Gen[l] Maxwell while he commanded the light Troops, was not at any Time disguised with Liquor so as to disqualify him in any Measure from doing his Duty. They do there fore acquit him of the Charge against him —

Head Quarters November 5th 1777 —

Major Gen[l] Tomorrow . . . . . GREENE
Brigad[r] . . . . . MAXWELL
Field Officers . . . . COL. SWIFT. MAJOR REED *of Hazen's Regiment*
Brigade Major . . . . . HITCHCOCK

AGREEABLE to former orders all Reports of the Guards and scouting parties are to be made by the Officers commanding them to the Major Gen[l] of the Day who is to report to the Commander in Chief. Every Regiment is to go on making Cartridges every day when the Weather will permit. The Comm[y] of military Stores is to make a return of the Cartridges returned to him and of the Regiments by which they were made up —

Head Quarters November 6 1777.

Major Gen!. Tomorrow . . . . . Mc Dougal
Brigad. . . . . . Smallwood
Field Officers . . Colo Gunby. Lt Colo Brent
Brigade Major . . . . . Alden

THE independent Company commanded by Captain Joshua Williams is to be annexed, and to do duty with the fourth Pennsylvania Regiment till further orders —

All prisoners not being Continental Soldiers and suspected Persons are to be carried to the Major Gen!. of the day to be examined and dealt with as he shall see fit —

The Colonels or Officers commanding Regiments are to appoint one Officer from each Regiment to go with four Men to Bethlehem to get such of their Cloathing as are absolutely necessary and bring the same in Waggons to Camp. The W Master Gen!. will make the necessary provision of Waggons for that purpose — Gen!. Scott Brigadier of the day in the room of Gen!. Smallwood on other Duty .

Head Quarters November 7 1777

Major Gen!. Tomorrow . . . . . Sullivan
Brigad . . . . . Wayne
Field Officers . Col. David Hall. Lt Col. Farmer
Brigade Major . . . . . Parker

THE independent Company commanded by Capt Weaver is to be annexed to, and do duty with the 10th Pennsylvania Regimt . . till further orders. A Dispute having arisen

relative to certain Men enlisted by Mr Nelson, now doing Duty in the Seventh Pennsylvania Regiment, a Court of Enquiry is to examine into the Matter and report their Opinion whether those Men should remain as they are, or be transferred to the Ninth Pennsylvania Regiment for which Regiment it is said they were enlisted. A field Officer and Captain from Maxwell's Brigade and one field Officer from Col^{o} Humptons Brigade are to compose this Court which is to set Tomorrow Morning at 9 °Clock at Lieut Col^{o} Briarley's Quarters who is to be one of the Members. It is expected by the Commander in Chief that all Intelligence from the Enemy's Lines which may come to the knowledge of any officer and bears the Marks of Authenticity will be immediately communicated to him or the Major General of the day who will if the Cause requires it give immediate information thereof. Officers commanding at out posts are to receive and detain all passes which are given merely for the purpose of passing them lest they should be put to an improper Use. Since the Genl left German Town in the Middle of September last he has been without his baggage and on that account is unable to receive Company in the Manner he could wish, he nevertheless desires the General field Officers, and Brigade Major of the day to dine with him in future at 3° Clock. A detachment of 370 Men properly officer'd is to parade Tomorrow Morning at Sun rise

on the grand parade. Colo Russel, Lt Colo Mead, and Major Sill are to command the Detachment —

Head Quarters November 8 1777 —

*Major Gen*l *Tomorrow* . . . . . GREENE
Brigad. . . . . . WOODFORD
Field Officers . . . . . LT COL. DAVIS
MAJOR *10th Penn*a *Regiment*
Brigade Major . . . . . *of Scotts Brigade*

THE Service requiring that the Men be ready to march on the shortest Notice the Officers commanding Brigades and Corps are to be particularly careful to keep their Men supplied constantly with two Days Provision on hand —To make the more despatch in the Trial of Officers under Arrest Brigade Gen*l* Court Martials are to be held without delay, for the Trial of all such Officers as shall apply to the Brigadiers or officers commanding Brigades for Trial before those Courts. The Commander in Chief approves of the Sentence of the Gen*l* Court Martial relative to Brigadier Gen*l* Maxwell — published in Gen*l* orders of the 4th Instant, but through Mistake that Approbation was not inserted —

Head Quarters November 9 1777 —

Major Gen!. Tomorrow . . . . . SULLIVAN
Brigad. . . . . . MAXWELL
Field Officers . LT COL. POWELL. MAJOR HARMAN
Brigade Major . . . . . DAY

NICHOLAS VAN CORTLAND ESQ^{R} is appointed an Aid D Camp to . . . Major Gen! Sullivan is to be respected as such . . . Capt Peter Bryan Bruin is appointed a Vulunteer Aid D Camp to Major Gen! Sullivan, and is to be respected as such. One piece of cannon at Gen! Irvine's Brigade is to be discharged this afternoon at 4 oClock it being found impractacable to draw the Charge. All the empty Waggons or which can be emptied without great Inconvenience are to be got ready in the several Brigades and assemble this Day at such place and Hour as the Forage Master Gen! shall direct and be disposed of by him. The Brigadiers and Officers commanding Brigades are with as much Dispatch as possible to have their Brigades paraded, and from their own observation take an Account of the Articles of Cloathing indispensably necessary for the Men. Many of the Men mount Guard daily who — make a very unsoldierlike Appearance. The Adjutants and Brigade Majors will be respectably (*sic*) answerable that henceforward they bring no Man to the Parade whose Appearance is not as decent as his Circumstances will permit having his Beard shaved, Hair comb'd face washed, and Cloathes put on

in the best Manner in his Power. Capt Craig of Col Moylands Regiment with his Party of Horse has taken Seven British Dragoons — and Seven Soldiers with their horses, Arms and Accoutriments the Gen! desires Capt Craig, Capt Lee, and the other officers who have distinguished themselves will accept his cordial Thanks for the Enterprize Spirit and Bravery they have exhibited in harassing and making Captives of the Enemy. All the Gen! Officers in Camp are to assemble at 10 °Clock Tomorrow Morning at Gen! Greene's to settle the Rations. The Gen! Officers will attend this in preference to any other Duty, and make Report as soon as they have finished it. A Detachment of 370 Men are to parade on the Grand Parade at 3 oClock Tomorrow Morning with their Arms & Acoutriments, and one Days Provision cooked. The Brigade Majors will have their Men turned out and see that every Thing be in order this Afternoon and parade them Tomorrow Morning with the greatest Punctuality. Col° Spencer, Lt Col° Starr and Major Bruster are appointed to command this Detachment, 24 light Dragoons are to parade at the same Time and Place —

Head Quarters November 10 1777

*Major Gen*l. *Tomorrow* . . . . . GREENE
Brigadier . . . . . SMALLWOOD
Field officers . . COL° CLARKE. MAJOR ALLISON
Brigade Major . . . . . WILLIAMS

COL° BRADLEY is appointed President of a Court of Inquiry relative to the Complaint of Joseph Chambers against Col° Josiah Parker. Lt Col° Farmer, and one Captain from Gen! Weedons and two from Gen! Muhlenburgs Brigades are appointed Members of this Court which is to sit at Col° Bradley's Quarters Tomorrow Morning at 10 oClock—

Head Quarters November 11. 1777

*Major Gen*l. *Tomorrow* . . . . . LORD STIRLING
Brigad: . . . . . SCOTT
Field officers . . LT COL° BUFORD. MAJOR BYARD
Brigade Major . . . . . M° GOWEN

THE Honble Continental Congress have passed the following Resolves which have been transmitted hither to be made publick in the Army Viz

In Congress November 4 1777

Resolved that his Excellency Governor Caswell of North Carolina be requested to erect a Monument of the Value of 500 Dollars at the Expence of the United States in honour of the Memory of Brigad. Gen! Francis Nash who fell in the Battle of German Town on the 4 Day October 1777 bravely contending for the Independence of his Country—
Resolved that the Thanks of Congress in their

own Name, and in behalf of the Inhabitants of the United States be presented to Major Gen! Gates Commander in Chief of the Northern Department to the Major Generals Lincoln and Arnold and the rest of the Troops, and Officers under his Command for their brave and successful efforts in support of the Independence of their Country whereby an Army of the Enemy of Ten Thousand Men has been entirely defeated, and one large Detachment of it strongly posted and entrenched having been conquered at Bennington another repulsed with loss and disgrace from Fort Schuyler, and the Main Army of Six Thousand Men under Lieut. Gen! Burgoyne after being beaten in different Actions and driven from a formidable fort and strong Entrenchment reduced to the Necessity of surrendering themselves upon Terms honourable, and advantageous to these States on the 17th day of October last to Major Gen! Gates and that a Medal be struck under the direction of the Board of War in Commemoration of this great Event and in the Name of these united States presented by the President to the Major General Gates—

Resolved that Congress have a high Sense of the Merit of Col. Green and the Officers and Men under his Command in the late gallant defence of the fort at Red Bank on Delaware River and that an elegant Sword be provided by the Board of War and presented to Col Green—

Resolved that Congress have a high Sense of the Merit of Lt Colº Smith and the Officers and Men under his Command in their late gallant defence of fort Mifflin in the River Delaware and that an elegant Sword be provided by the Board of War and presented to Lieut Colº Smith —

Resolved that Congress have a high Sense of the Merit of Commander Hazlewood the Commander of the naval force in the River Delaware in the Service of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and of the Officers and Men under his Command in their late gallant defence of their Country against the British Fleet whereby two of their Men of War were destroyed and four others compelled to retire and that an elegant Sword be provided by the Marine Committee and presented to Commodore Hazlewood. A flag will go to the Enemy Tomorrow at 10 oClock in the forenoon.

Head Quarters November 12 1777 —

Major Genl. Tomorrow	GREENE
Brigadier	IRVINE
Field Officers .	Lt Colº NAGLE. MAJOR STERRET
Brigade Major	MINNIS

THE honourable Continental Congress have been pleased to pass the following Resolve concerning the opinion of the Court of Inquiry published in Genl orders of the 16th Ultimo relative to General Sullivan Viz

In Congress October 20 1777

Resolved that the result of the Court of Inquiry into the Expedition of Staten Island so honourable to the Character of Gen! Sullivan is highly pleasing to Congress, and that the Opinion of the Court be published in Justification of the injured Character of that Officer. It appears that some Regiments are destitute of necessary Cloathing altho' they have been supplied with the full Suits allowed by Congress. This must have arisen at least in part from the Inattention of the Officers in not taking Lists of their Mens Necessaries examining them weekly agreeable to Gen! orders, and calling Delinquents to a severe Account for what was missing. This under our Circumstances is a Neglect of the worst kind and most fatal Tendency, and demands a speedy and effectual Remedy — And altho the Articles delivered the Men beyond the Stated allowance be charged to them yet in our Situation this does not lessen the evil complained of — The Commander in Chief therefore most seriously and positively requires the officers commanding Companies after taking exact Lists of their Men's Necessaries to examine them critically once a Week agreeable to Gen! Orders formerly issued and if any Non Commissioned Officer or Soldier shall sell wilfully destroy or carelesly loose any of his Necessaries he is to be severely punished at the Discretion of the Court Martial. This is a Matter of so very important

a Nature the Commander in Chief the Officers will pay the most exact attention to it and that the Gen! Officer and others commanding Brigades will see this Order carefully and regularly complied with. It appears also that many Men who go into the hospital well clad are in a manner naked when they get well, and can not return to their Regiments till they are new cloathed. To prevent a Continuance of this Evil, and that the guilty may be known and punished, no Men are henceforward to be sent to the hospital without lists of the Company and Regiments they belong to and of every article of their Cloathing, these lists to be signed by the Captains or Officer commanding those Companies, and transmitted to the Surgeons of the Hospitals to which the sick are sent. — And if any Men are sent to the hospitals without such lists, the Officers sending them shall be punished for their neglect at the discretion of a Gen! Court Martial, and for this end the Surgeons of the hospitals are as soon as possible to send a Report of such Officers to the Adjutant Gen!, and that the Arms and Accoutriments of the sick may not be lost or damaged they are agreeable to the Gen! Orders lately issued to be delivered to the regimental Qr Master and by them without delay to the Comm.! of military Stores and never carried with the sick to the Hospital — There will be a discharge of Musquetry this Afternoon at 4 oClock at the Burial of an Officer of Gen!

Maxwell's Brigade The flag which was to have gone in to day will set off Tomorrow Morning at 9 oClock, from the Quarters of the Commissary General of Prisoners—

Head Quarters November 13th 1777

Major Gen!. Tomorrow . . . . . LORD STIRLING
Brigad. . . . . . WOODFORD —
Field Officers . LT COL? LINLEY. LT COL? BEARLY.
Brigade Major . . . . . HITCHCOCK

Head Quarters November 14 1777

Major Gen!. Tomorrow . . . . . GREENE
Brigadier . . . . . MAXWELL
Field Officers . . LT COL BARBER. MAJOR MILLER
Brigade Major . . . . . MULLENS

THE Brigadiers and Officers commanding Brigades who have not completed their Cloathing Returns according to the Gen! Orders of the 9th Instant are to do it without the smallest delay, and all the Brigadiers and Officers commanding Brigades, are to meet together Tomorrow Morning at 10 oClock at Gen! Huntington's Quarters to compare the Wants of their Brigades and agree on the Manner which the Cloathing shall be distributed. The Wants of Col Morgan's Rifle Corps, and others not included in the Brigade Returns are to be in like Manner considered. M! Kemper the Deputy Cloathier Gen! is to attend the Meeting, and take the direction of the Board for the present and future Distributions. A considerable Quantity of Cloathing being on hand

it is of the highest Importance that this order be executed with the greatest punctuality. An Officer of the North Carolina Brigade is to be buried this Evening at 4 oClock with Military Honours. The Court of Enquiry held the 11th Instant where of Col. Bradley was President relative to the Complaint of Mr Joseph Chambers late Commissary to Genl Greene's Division against Col. Josiah Parker for ordering a Sergeant and file of Men to whip said Chambers have made the following Report Viz

As Col. Parker owns the fact the Court after hearing the Evidence produced by him in his Defence are unanimously of Opinion that however negligent the Commr might have been in the Discharge of the Duty of his Department yet Col. Parker was by no means warranted to inflict private Punishment upon him that the Punishment was illegal and his Conduct highly reprehensible as being subsersive of good order and Regularity —

Head Quarters November 15 1777 —

Major Genl. Tomorrow . . . . . LORD STIRLING
Brigadier . . . . . WAYNE
Field Officers · LT COL GRAY. MAJOR SLAUGHTER
Brigade Major . . . . . ALDEN

HENCEFORWARD and untill further Orders the Sick are to be sent to Buckingham Meeting house with a suitable Number of Orderly Men to attend them. The Troops are to be

immediately supplied with two Days Provision (exclusive of this Day) one of which at least is to be cooked. No Officer or Soldier is to be absent from Camp but ready for duty at a Minutes Warning—

No Scouting Party under any pretence whatever unless sent for that purpose is to seize Horses Cattle or other Property belonging to the Inhabitants, under the plea of taking those Things within the Enemies Lines great and enormous Abuses are committed. An Infringment therefore or Disobedience of this Order in either Officer or Soldier will be punished with the utmost rigour. Complaint has been made of the irregularity in point of Time with which the Horse mount Guard. The Commander in Chief expects they will parade with more punctuality in future. He also desires the Colonels of those Regiments that have more Horses than Men would furnish by Way of Loan the others that are in Want of Horses that as many Men as Possible may be mounted, and the Publick not unnecessarily burthened. —

Head Quarters November 16 1777 —

Major Gen!. Tomorrow . . . . . GREENE
Brigad. . . . . . SMALLWOOD
Field Officers . . . COL. FEBIGAR. MAJOR SCULL
Brigade Major . . . . . PARKER

AS large Quantities of Materials for Cartridges have been issued and few Cartridges returned to the Comm[y] of Military Stores Returns are to be made Tomorrow Afternoon by each Brigade of the Number of Cartridges in their possession. These Returns are to show the Number in each Regiment and how many are in hands of the Soldiers, and the Residue where deposited —

Head Quarters November 17 1777 —

Major Gen!. Tomorrow . . . . . LORD STIRLING
Brigadier . . . . . SCOTT
Field Officers . . LT COL POPE MAJOR SEDGEWICK
Brigade Major . . . . . SCOTT's *Brigade*

SOME officers remaining yet untried and many Prisoners in the Provost, Brigade Court Martials are to be held for trying them without delay. No pass is to be given to any one to go into Philadelphia but by the Major Gen!. of the Day who will not grant them without due Examination, and upon the most reasonable and necessary Occasions. At the request of Col. Price a Court of Enquiry into his Conduct on sundry Occasions is to set Tomorrow Morning at 10 oClock at the Tavern next to

Col. Biddle's Quarters. All Persons who have any Complaints or objections to make against him, or know of any thing amiss in his past Conduct are desired to appear and declare the same before the said Court —

Head Quarters November 18 1777 —

*Major Gen*l. *Tomorrow* . . . . . GREENE
Brigadier . . . . . IRVINE
Field Officers . . . LT COL. PATTON *N. Carolina*
MAJOR VAUGHAN —
Brigade Major . . . . . STODDARD

THE Government of the State of Pennsylvania having appointed Commissioners in each County thereof to collect Blankets and Cloathing for the Army all Officers sent round in the State for that purpose are by their Commanding Officers to be called in as soon as possible. A Detachment equal to the daily Guards are to parade Tomorrow Morning at half after 3 oClock on the Grand Parade with one days Provision cooked The Brigade Majors will have their Men drawn out at Retreat Beating to day and see that they are properly fixed — for the Duty — Col. Hall, Lt Col Burr, and Maj Adams will Command the Detachment. — The Remains of the late Capt Foster of the 15 Virginia Regiment will be interred this afternoon at 4 oClock with the honours of War. Richard Claiborne Esqr is appointed Brigade Major to Genl Weedon's Brigade and is to be obeyed as such —

Head Quarters November 19 1777 —

Major Genl. Tomorrow	. . . . .	SULLIVAN
Brigad.	. . . . .	WOODFORD
Field Officers	. LT COL. WOOLFORD	MAJOR WEST
Brigade Major	. . . . .	WILLIAMS —

THE Pennsylvania field Officers are desired to bring in their old Commissions and receive new ones. All the Genl. Officers are desired to assemble Tomorrow Morning at 10 oClock at Genl. Huntington's Quarters in order to settle the Rank of the field Officers of Horse who are to attend this Board of Genl. Officers and exhibit their respective Claims. All Arms unfit for Service which are deposited in the several Regiments and Corps are to be sent to the Comm^y of Military Stores who will send them to be repaired —

Head Quarters November 20 1777.

Major Genl. Tomorrow	. . . . .	LORD STIRLING
Brig^r.	. . . . .	MAXWELL
Field Officers	. . LT COL RICHESON	MAJOR HOGG
Brigade Major	. . . . .	M^C GOWEN

LT JOHN MARSHALL is by the Judge Advocate appointed Deputy Judge Advocate in the Army of the United States and is to be respected as such — James Monroe Esquire formerly appointed an additional Aid de Camp to Maj^r. Genl. Lord Stirling is now appointed Aid de Camp to his Lordship in the room of Major Wilcox resigned and is to be respected as

such — The Cloathier Gen! received about 400 Blankets the Several Brigades are to send for their Quota of them. Before the sick are moved Application is always to be made to Doctor Cochran or other Director of the hospitals for directions unless the Places where have been previously pointed out in Gen! Orders. No more Sick are to be sent to Buckingham Meeting House. A Serjeant and 12 Orderly Men are to be sent to Buckingham Meeting House to take Care of the Sick. The Serjeant and these Men are to parade at Doctor Cochran's Quarters at Mr Wests House at 4 oClock this Afternoon and apply to him for Orders. A. Gen! Court Martial of which Maj^r^ Gen! Sullivan was President held on the 3^d^ Instant and on divers Days to the 17th Ins^t^ — inclusively for the Trial of Maj^r^ Gen! Stephen charged with 1st Unofficerlike Behaviour on the March from the Clove 2^d^ Unofficerlike Behaviour in the Actions of Brandywine and German Town 3^d^ Drunkeness. The Court declare their opinion and sentence as follows: The Court having considered the Charge against Maj^r^ Gen! Stephen are of opinion that he is guilty of Unofficer like Behaviour in the retreat from German Town owing to Inattention or Want of Judgment and that he has been frequently intoxicated since in the Service to the Prejudice of good Order and Military Discipline contrary to the 5th Article of the 18th Section of the Articles of War therefore Sentence him to be

dismissed the Service. The Court find him not guilty of any other Crimes he was charged with and therefore acquit him as to all others except the two before mentioned. The Commander in Chief approves the Sentence

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Head Quarters November 21 1777

Major Genl. Tomorrow . . . . . SULLIVAN
Brigadier . . . . . WAYNE
Field Officers . . . LT COL. BURR MAJOR ADAMS
Brigade Major . . . . . HITCHCOCK

THOSE Paymasters of Regiments who have drawn Pay for any officers or Men in Col Morgans Rifle Corps are immediately to pay the same over to the Paymaster of that Corps. A Detachment of 80 Men with proper Officers are to parade this Day at 3 oClock in the Afternoon on the Grand Parade. Complaint is made that by the Carelessness of the Butchers the hides are greatly damaged in taking them off. The issuing Commissaries are enjoined duly to inspect the Butchers they employ and see that they take off the Hides with proper Care. No Women coming out of Philadelphia are to be permitted to pass the first Guards without being (informed) they cannot return again if upon being informed of this they chuse to come out they are to be allowed to pass the Guards into the Country. The General of Horse will give this Charge to all the Parties and Patrols of Horse — The Officers of the Day report that Sentries from

the Picket keep Fires by them, this dangerous practice is absolutely forbidden, and all Officers of Guards are without fail to visit their Sentries between every Relief to see that they are alert and keep no fires and in cold and bad weather they are to relieve the Sentries every Hour — They are also to see that the Sentries are well informed of their Duty and to instruct such as are Deficient —

Head Quarters November 22d 1777 —

Major Genl. Tomorrow . . . . . Lord Stirling
Brigadier . . . . . Smallwood
Field Officers . . Lt Col Fort Major Lockhart
Brigade Major . . . . . Barber

THE Genl Court Martial of the Line of which Col Grayson was President is to set Tomorrow Morning at 9 oClock at the house where Genl Huntington quartered for the Trial of all Prisoners which shall be brought before them. An Orderly Serjeant from each Brigade is to attend the Court. Lt Col. Heth, Lt Col. Becker and Major Mentges and a Captain from each Brigade are to compose the Members of the Court. All the Genl Officers in Camp are desired to meet at Lord Stirlings Quarters Tomorrow Morning at 10 oClock to settle the Rank of the field Officers of Horse who are to attend and exhibit their respective Claims. The Brigades commanded by Generals Patterson and Learned are to

form one division under Major Gen! the Baron De Kalb. The horse taken Yesterday by the scouting Party commanded by Col? Bopst assisted by a Party of light Horse are all to be brought to the Quarter Master Generals Quarters Tomorrow Morning at Ten oClock and sold at publick Vendue the Produce of the Sail is immediately to be divided by the Quarter Master General between the Captors.

After Orders

The Commander in Chief offers a Reward of 10 dollars to any Person who shall by 9 oClock on Monday Morning produce the best Substitute for Shoes made out of raw hides. The Comm? of Hides is to furnish the hides and the Maj! Gen! of the Day is to Judge of the Essays and assign the Reward to the best Artist. Col Martin of North Carolina having resigned his Commission the oldest Officer of that Corps now present will command it — The Troops arrived from the Northward are immediately to have their Cartouch Box filled with Cartridges. The whole Army to have their Ammunition in such Readiness so as to be completed to 40 Rounds at a Moments Warning where they have Waggons to keep that Quantity secure from the Weather and Officers and Men are to be in Camp that they may be ready to act on the shortest Notice

Head Quarters November 23 1777

Brigadier Tomorrow . . . . . MUHLENBURG
Brigade Major . . . . . MINNIS
Field Officer . . . *from* GEN^{L} WEEDON's *Brigade*

AN Orderly Serjeant from each Brigade to attend daily at head Quarters the Returns ordered Yesterday to be made as soon as possible the Arms to be put in the best order, and a Return to be made of the Number of Tents now in possession — Major Genl Greene has been pleased to approve the following Sentences of a Genl Court Martial held the 22^{d} Instant whereof Col Olney was President. Thomas Graves, Michael Ruther and Jacob Anthony charged with Desertion was found guilty and Sentenced to receive 100 Lashes. The Commanding officer of Regiments of which the Persons belong are to cause the above Sentences to be immediately executed —

Head Quarters November 24 1777 —

Brigadier Tomorrow . . . . . WEEDON
Brigade Major . . . . . CLAIBORNE —
Field Officer . . . . . *from* VARNUM's *Brigade*

MAJ BOWMAN is to take Command of the Artillery and all Returns from the different Companies and from the Conductors of Military Stores to be made to him — A Reserve to the Guards consisting of 100 Men properly officer'd under the Command of the Major of

the Pickets are to be posted at the Quaker Meeting House who are to reinforce and support any of the Guards that should at any Time be attacked — the Returns ordered the day before Yesterday to be made immediately — All Officers who have Continental or Impressed horses are to make Returns to the Q M General. The Detachment of Col Foremen's Regim^{t} to be added to Genl Varnum's Brigade. Mr Charles Lyne is appointed to act as principal Comm^{y} for this Department untill one shall be appointed by Col Stewart, and the different Commys are to take Notice accordingly. A Serjeant from the Genl Staff Department is daily to call at orderly Time at the D A. Generals office, that all Delays may be avoided as much as possible and every order immediately executed —

After Orders

All the Troops to hold themselves in Readiness to march by Seven oClock Tomorrow Morning

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Head Quarters November 25 1777 —

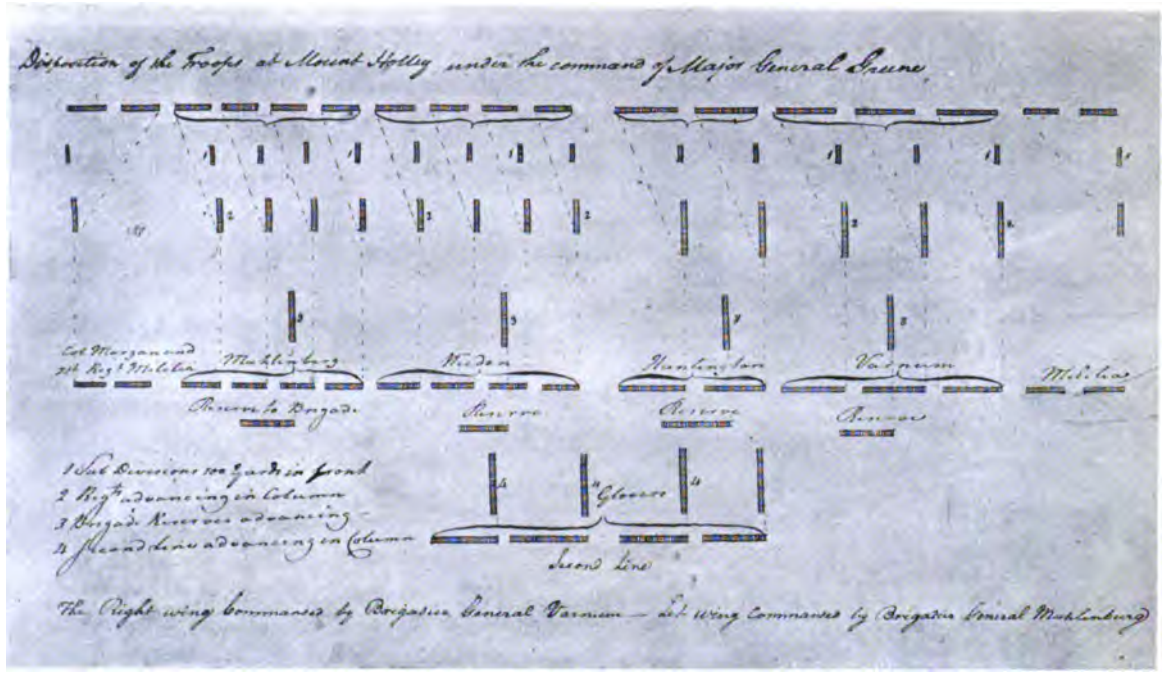
The Order of Yesterday for marching at 7 oClock is countermanded three Days Provision is immediately to be drawn and cooked and the Troops to hold themselves in Readiness to March on the shortest Notice

After Orders

All the spare Stores belonging to the Q. M. Genl Department are to be delivered up to the D Q. M. Genl The D. Comm^{r} Genl of Issues is as soon as possible to enquire into the State of the Stores of his Department and take Care that a sufficient quantity of Provision is always in hand. The Conductor is to make his Return of the Military Stores in his Possession to Maj Bowman of the Artillery. Doctor Tenny of Col. Angel's Battalion in Genl Varnum's Brigade is appointed to act as Surgeon Genl to this Army untill one shall be properly authorised by Doctor Cockran— Returns of the Sick are to be made to him and fit Places provided for their Reception. The Surgeons are to apply to Doctor Tenny for Sulphur for their Regiments. A Return of the Bakers in the Army to be made as soon as possible—

The following is the Order of Battle Genl Varnum's and Genl Huntington's Brigades form the right Wing. Genl Varnum's Brigade on the right of the Wing. Huntington's on the left. The right Wing to be Commanded by Genl Varnum. Genl Muhlenburg and Genl Weedon's Brigade form the left Wing Genl Muhlenburg's Brigade the left of the left Wing and Genl Weedon's the right of the left Wing. Genl Muhlenburg commands the left Wing. Genl Glovers Brigade forms the second line. Col^{o} Haight's and Hathaways

Militia forms upon the right flank. Col. Ellis's Militia and Morgan's Corps covers the left flank. — In posting the Officers of the Regiments the Officers are to be posted with their Men without regard to Rank, there being great Inconveniency resulting in Action by the Officers being removed from their own Men In marching to Action the Brigades are to march in regimental Columns. The Officers leading the Regimental Columns are to take special Care in advancing that they preserve their proper Distance from each other so as to be able to form the line if necessary. A Comp^{y} to be detached as an advanced Guard to the heads of the Columns — The Reserves to the Wings to march in Columns in the rear of the Centre of each Brigade and to be in Readiness to Join for the Support of either Brigades, or to act Seperately for the Support of the Brigades, from which they were detached. The second Line to march in Regimen! Columns in the rear of the Centre of the first Line about 400 Yards ready to support any part that should be hard pressed — The Artillery to be immediately under the Direction of the Commanding Officers of the Brigades to march and take post where they direct The Militia and light Troops are to endeavour to gain the flanks of the Enemy, but more especially to prevent them from gaining ours —



Disposition of the troops at Mount Holly

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Head Quarters November 26 1777 —

The tents to be struck Waggons loaded, and the Brigade to be in Readiness to march at Ten oClock. The Waggon Masters to see that the Waggons be ready to take the Baggage belonging to the Troops —

Head Quarters November 28 1777 —

Such of the Troops as are not already provided with cooked Provisions for Tomorrow are to draw and cook it this Night. At Day-Break a Cannon will be fired as a Signal for the whole Army to parade ready to march. When the whole are compleately formed they are to ground their Arms but be ready to take them up again at a Minutes Warning, if it should rain or snow the Men are not to parade —

Head Quarters November 29 1777 —

A Gill of Rum or Whiskey to be issued to Day to each officer, Soldier and Waggoner.

Head Quarters November 30 1777

Major Gen! . . . . . GREENE
Brigadier . . . . . SMALLWOOD
Field Officers . COL. COURTLAND MAJOR SMITH.
Brigade Major . . . . . LEARNEDS *Brigade*

ON the 25 November the Honble Continental Congress passed the following Resolves. Viz Resolved that Gen! Washington be directed to publish in Gen! Orders, that Congress will

speedily take into Consideration the Merits of such Officers who have distinguished themselves by their Intrepidity and attention to the health and Discipline of their Men, and adopt such Regulations as shall tend to introduce Order and good Discipline into the Army, and to render the Situation of the Officers and Soldiers with respect to their cloathing and other Necessaries more eligible than it has hitherto been — For as much as it is the indispensable duty of all Men to adore the Superintending Providence of Almighty God to acknowledge with Gratitude their Obligations to him for Benefits received and to implore such further Blessings as they stand in need of and it having pleased him in his abundant Goodness and Mercy not only to continue to us the innumerable Bounties of his common Providence, but also to smile upon us in the Prosecution of a Just and necessary War for the Defence of our Invaluable Rights and Liberties, It is therefore recommended by Congress that Thursday the 18 December next be set apart for solemn thanksgiving and praise that at one Time and with one Voice, the good People may express the grateful Feelings of their Hearts and consecrate themselves to the Service of their divine Benefactor, and that together with their sincere Acknowledgments and Offerings they may Join a penitent Confession of their Sins, and Supplications for such further Blessings they stand in need of. The Chaplains will

properly notice this Recommendation that the Day of Thanksgiving may be duly observed in the Army agreeable to the Intentions of Congress — The regimental Pay Masters are to call upon the Pay M: Gen! Tomorrow and receive Pay for the Month of September. Those who have lodged their Abstracts for the Month of October may receive for that Month also —

Head Quarters December 1 1777 —

Major Gen!. Tomorrow . . . . . LORD STIRLING
Brigadier . . . . . IRVINE
Field officers . . COL. WILSON LT. COL. STODDARD
B Major. . . . . Mc GOWEN

MR ROBERT DUNCAN is appointed Pay Master to the 4th North Carolina and is to be respected as such. A Gen! Court Martial is to sit Tomorrow Morning at 9 oClock at the Tavern near Col. Biddles Quarters for the Trial of all prisoners brought before them. Col. Ogden is appointed president of this Court, Lt Col Simms Major Wallace — Major North and a Captain from the 1st and 2d Pennsylvania Maxwell's Conways Woodfords Scotts, Poors, Pattersons and Larnards Brigades are to be Members of this Court. The Officers are to make out their Muster rolls to December 1st the term of Time which the Men enlisted for is to be inserted in every Muster Roll. The non

Effectives is not to be inserted a Second Time. Officers must pay strict Attention to the Orders which have been Issued with respect to this part of their Duty —

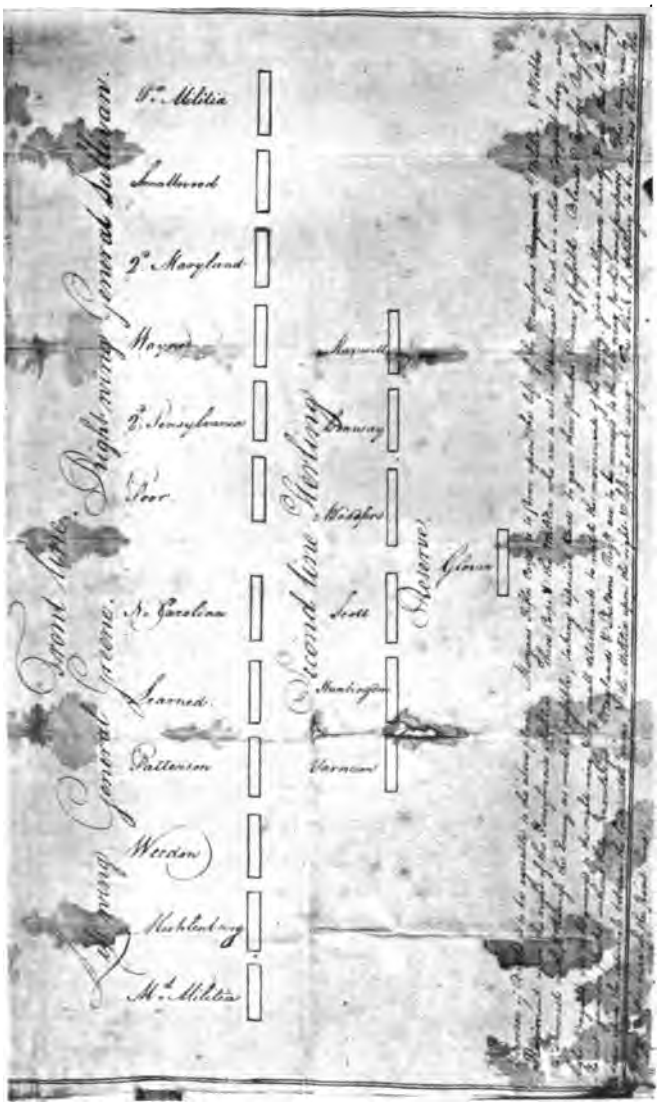
Head Quarters December 2d 1777 —

Major Gen! Tomorrow . . . . BARON DE KALB
Brigad. . . . . . MUHLENBURG
Field Officers . COL. BROADFORD MAJOR THOMAS.
B. Major . . . . . HITCHCOCK

RETURNS are to be made early Tomorrow Morning of all officers and Men in the several Brigades and Corps who have not had the Small pox — Every officer commanding Corps or Regiments is to make an immediate Return to the Pay M. Gen! of every Pay Master that has belonged to or done Duty as such in any Regiment or Corps their Place of Abode and the Time when they left the Service —

After Orders

Whenever the Alarm is given by the firing of three Cannon the whole Baggage and Provision of the Army Tents included is to be put into the Waggons and marched off the following Roads. the right Wing of both lines by the North Wales Road, and the Road by Edges Mill, and to proceed to the 24 Mile Stone on those Roads; unless further Orders are received. the left Wing of both Lines by the two Roads which lead into the



Order of battle, Dec. 3rd, 1777

old York Road at the 13 and 15 Mile Stones and proceed on to the 24 Mile Stone, untill further Orders. Whether the Alarm Guns are fired or not the whole Army is to be under Arms at their respective posts at Day Light Tomorrow Morning, and the Lines properly formed by the Major General in their respective Commands —

Not more than one Man to be sent of with each Waggon, and those the most unfit for Duty among the Troops: Each Regiment is to be told off into Grand and Sub Divisions, and the officers posted as much as possible among their own Men, those Men whose Ammunition is not compleated to 40 Rounds are to be furnished as early as possible in the Morning after they are formed with that Quantity —

D O.

Head Quarters December 3 1777 —

Major Genl. Tomorrow . . . . . SULLIVAN
Brigad. . . . . . WEEDON
Field officers . . COL. LIVINGSTON's MAJOR WILLS
B. Major . . . . . MINNIS —

A GENL. Court Martial whereof Col Grasol was President held the 26. 27. 28. and 29 November last. Major Howard appeared before the Court charged 1st with wounding Capt Lieut Duffy with his Sword 2d Abetting a riot in Camp and 3d in front of his Men at his

request assembled attempting the Life of Capt Duffey with a loaded firelock and fixed Bayonet being utterly subversive of good Order and Discipline. The Court having considered the Charge and Evidence are of Opinion that Major Howard did not intentionally wound Capt Duffy, and therefore acquit him of the Charge. Upon the Second Charge they are of Opinion however Justifiable the Motives were by which Major Howard was first actuated his Conduct in that End was such as tended rather to promote than supress a riot they therefore Sentence him to be reprimanded in Gen.l Orders with Respect to the 3.d Charge the Court are of Opinion that it is not supported by Evidence and do therefore acquit him. Capt Duffy appeared before the Court charged 1.st aiding and abetting a Riot. 2.d assaulting and abusing Major Howard in the Execution of his office the Court having considered the first Charge and Evidence are of Opinion that Capt Duffy behaved with Warmth that tended to produce a Riot and do Sentence him to be reprimanded in General Orders — Upon the 2.d Charge they are of Opinion that Maj.r Howard when Capt Duffy struck him had deviated from the Line of his Duty and consequently was not in the Execution of his Office they do therefore acquit him of the 2.d Charge — the above Opinions are approved by the Comm.r in Chief the Sentences of Reprimands appear to be pronounced with great Justness on an Impropriety of Conduct

unbecoming the Character of Officers whose Duty it is to set Examples of Moderation, Decency, and Order, and to suppress all Riots and Tumults. The Officer and Men of the Company raised by the late
Capt Calderwood are to be annexed to Capt Nevenis's Company in Colo Malcom's Regiment —

Head Quarters December 4 1777 —

Major Genl. Tomorrow . . . . . GREENE
Brigad . . . . . WOODFORD
Field Officers . . . . COL. TUPPER MAJOR REED
Brig Major . . . . . STODDARD

THE Troops are constantly to have one Days Provision on hand ready cooked, the Officers are to pay a particular Attention to this and consider it as a standing Rule that if they are suddenly called to Arms their Men may not be distressed — Major General Marquis De La Fyette is to take the Command of the Division lately commanded by General Stephen —

Head Quarters December 5 1777.

Major Genl. Tomorrow . . . . . LORD STIRLING
Brigad . . . . . MAXWELL
Field Officers . LT COLO FARMER MAJOR HOWARD
B Major . . . . . CLAIBORNE.

Head Quarters December 6 1777

Major General Tomorrow . . . . . De Kalb
Brigad . . . . . Huntington
Field officers . Col Wigglesworth Lt Col Nagle
B Major . . . . . Nunn—

THE Commr Genl says he has put Six Days Provision into the hands of the Division and Brigade Commrs: if therefore the Troops want Provision it must be the fault of the latter, and this Want will be attended with such pernicious Consequences that no Excuse will be admitted in behalf of any Commr who fails of daily supplying his Division or Brigade but a severe Example will be made of him — The troops are to ground their Arms at their Alarm Posts and as soon as possible draw and cook their Provision for to Day and Tomorrow, and immediately set about making the best Provision they can of Wood and Hutts for to Night. The Officers commanding Brigades and Corps are again called upon to bring Back from the baggage sent off Yesterday every Man who has Cloathing and Shoes sufficient to enable him to do duty and to prevent the Stroling and loss of Men the Commandg officer of every Corps is to see that the Rolls are called every two (*sic*) and know where every Man is — The Q M G. has Axes to supply such Brigades as want them the Brigade Q Masters and all to whom any are Issued are to be accountable respectively to those of whom they receive them —

Those Regiments who have not Provision agreeable to G. O are to draw and cook it this Night. The Regiments are to form an Abbette in their fronts with Brush immediately when this is done they may return to their old Ground and on any Alarm to return to their Posts with all Expedition —

B O.

December 8th 1777 —

B O.

A Return of the Effectives and non Effectives in each Regiment to be made this day also a Return of the Names and dates of the Commissions of each field officer in the Brigade. A Brigade Court Martial is to set this Day for the trial of such Prisoners as shall be brought before them Major Alexander is appointed President of this Court. 2 Captains from 13 Pennsylvania 2 from 2d Virginia and 2 from 10th Virginia Regiments Members the Court to set at the Presidents Quarters. All Witnesses to attend, those Regiments who have Prisoners that may properly come before this Court are to send them at the Time appointed —

Head Quarters December 9 1777.

Major Gen! Tomorrow . . . . LORD STIRLING.
Brigad . . . . . POOR
Field Officers . LT COL RAMSEY MAJOR STUBBLEFIELD
B Major . . . . . BARBER —

THE Tents are on the Skepack Road and so many are to be sent for and pitched as are necessary for Officers and Men that have not Hutts that will keep themselves and their Arms dry.

but the Gen! earnestly recommends that no more Tents be pitched than are necessary to shelter the Troops. Neither Officers nor Men are to be absent from Camp on any pretence whatsoever A Capt and 2 Subalterns are wanting for the Corps of Invalids Commanded by Col Lewis Nichola — Officers disabled so as to be unfit for field Duty who are desirous of engaging in that Service upon being properly recommended will receive Commissions thereof — the Gen! Court Martial of which Col Ogden is President is to set at the usual place at 9 oClock Tomorrow Morning. If any Members are Sick or absent the Brigade Majors are to warn other Officers of the same Rank in their Stead. An Orderly Serjet. from each Division is to attend the Court. An Orderly Serj! from each Brigade is to attend constantly at Head Quarters. Brigade Returns are to be made to the Adjutant Gen! Tomorrow Morning at 9 oClock of all the Sick in Camp and in private houses — about the Country and the Number of Waggons necessary to transport them to the Hospitals, but the Surgeons are to return none for Waggons that are able to march when their packs are carried for them otherwise from the scarcity of Waggons some of the Sick will be left in Camp, each Brigadier or Officer commanding a Brigade is to see that the Surgeons duly comply with this order. When those Returns are made the Surgeons will apply to Doctor Mc Knight at Col. Biddles Quarters for Waggons. One

careful Officer from each Brigade is to be sent with the Sick to see them properly taken Care of on the Way to the Hospitals. Three Days provision are to be sent with the Sick. Each Officer commanding a Brigade is to make a return Tomorrow at orderly Time of their killed wounded and missing since General Howe's late March from Philadelphia and of any during that Time lost of that Sence of Duty have infamously deserted their Names are to be added to the same Returns —

B O.

The following Sentences of a Brigade Court Martial are approved by Brigade Gen! Weedon, and are to be put in Execution forthwith Serjeant Talbot John Consolven and Micajah Sim's privates of 6th Virginia Regiment charged with Neglect of duty and loosing their Arms Ammunition and Accoutrements Serjt Talbot to be reprimanded in presence of the Regiment to which he belongs and Consolven and Sims to be reprimanded by their Captains. A Court of Inquiry to set Tomorrow Morning at 10 oClock to inquire into a Charge of Mr Mead's against Capt Conaway Lt Maury and Ensign Merewether for abusing and insulting him in his Quarters. Col Stephens is appointed president of this Court 2 Capts from Penn^a^ State Regiment one from 2^d^ Virg^a^ one from 6th Ditto one from 10th Ditto one from 14th ditto The Court is to set where the President shall appoint. All Evidences to attend the Court—

Head Quarters December 10 1777 —

Major Gen! Tomorrow . . . MARQUIS DE LA FYETTE
Brigad . . . . . WAYNE
Field Officers . . . MAJOR MURRAY MAJOR BYARD
Brigade Major . . . . . STODDARD

Head Quarters December 12 1777 —

Major Gen! Tomorrow . . . . . SULLIVAN
Brigad . . . . . MUHLENBURG
Field Officers . . . . . COL. LAMB MAJOR SCULL
Brig Major . . . . . WILLIAMS —

A CAREFUL Subaltern from each Brigade to repair this Day to the last Encampment of the Army to collect and take Care of the Sick and conduct them to Reading These officers are to apply to the Regimental Surgeons for Information where to find the Sick of their Regiments. every Motive of Duty and humanity requires the most exact Attention to this order. Doctor Draper and Carnel at Mr Wiatts will give Assistance to these Subalterns The Comm^r^ in Chief with pleasure expresses his Approbation of the Behaviour of the Penn^a^ Militia Yesterday under Gen! Potter in the vigorous Opposition they made to a body of the Enemy on the other Side Schuylkill. Daniel Climer is appointed D Comm^y^ of Prisoners to act in the Absence of the Comm^y^ of Prisoners —

B O A Detachment of one Sub: 1 Serjeant 15 Privates to parade immediately and return

to the Camp at the White Marsh where it is supposed Several of the Men have returned to, he will take Care to bring up all Straglers as well of other Brigades as his own that may be on the Road or in Camp. The Rolls of the different Companies must be called over every three hours, and the Officers are desired to see none of their Company absent at any Time

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Head Quarters December 13 1777

Major Gen! Tomorrow . . . . . GREENE
Brigad . . . . . WEEDON
Field Officers . . . COL FEBEGER MAJOR MILLER
B Major . . . . . M' CLURE —

THE Officers are without delay to examine the Arms and Accoutrements of their Men and see that they are put in good order Provisions for Tomorrow and the next Day are to be drawn and cooked. A Gill of Whiskey is to be served to each Officer Soldier and Waggoner. The Weather being likely to be fair the Tents are not to be pitched but the Axes in the Waggons are to be sent for without delay that the Men may make fires and hutt themselves for the ensuing Night. The Army is to be in Readiness to march at 4 oClock Tomorrow Morning. An officer from each Regiment to be sent to the Encampment on the other Side Schuylkill to search that and the Houses and bring on all Straglers to their Corps — All the Waggons that are not yet

over are to be sent for and got over as Soon as possible. Mr. Archd. Reed is appointed Pay Master to the 8 Pennsylvania Regiment and is to be respected as Such. the Guards to parade at the Gulph Mill at 3 oClock this Afternoon — The Weekly Returns to be given in at 8 oClock Tomorrow Morning, and a list of the Commissioned Officers of each Regiment —

Head Quarters December 14 1777 —

Major Genl. Tomorrow . . . . . Lord Stirling
Brigad . . . . . Woodford
Field Officers . . . Col Biggelow Lt Col Reed
B Major . . . . . M' Clintock

THE Regiments of horse are to draw provision of any Commy lodging most convenient to them upon proper Returns therefor Such of the Baggage as are not absolutely necessary for the Troops and all the Commy and other Stores are to remain on this Side the Gulph —

Head Quarters December 15 1777

Major Genl. Tomorrow . . . . . De La Fyette
Brigad . . . . . Maxwell
Field Officers . . Col Swift Lt Col Weisenpels
B Major . . . . . Larnards B —

A FIELD officer of each Brigade is to inspect immediately all the Men of his Brigade now with the Waggons and take to their Brigades every Man who is able to do Duty in the Line.

Majr Snead is to take charge of the Men till further orders — after this remaining with the Baggage Guards and report any who are left with the Baggage contrary to this Order —

Head Quarters December 16 1777 —

Major Genl. Tomorrow . . . . . De Kalb
Brigade . . . . . Varnum
Field Officers . . Lt Col Brooks Major Gilliam
Brigade Major . . . . . Mc Gowan

IN aid of the Supplies of Cloathing imported by Congress they earnestly recommended to the Several States to exert their utmost Endeavour to procure all kinds of Cloathing for the Comfortable Subsistence of the Officers & Soldiers of their respective Battalions and to appoint one or more Persons to dispose of such Articles to the officers and Soldiers at such reasonable prices as shall be assessed by the Cloathier Genl or his Deputy, and be in Just proportion to the Wages of the officers and Soldiers charging the Surplus of the Cost to the United States. Congress have also resolved that all the Cloathing hereafter to be supplied to the officers and Soldiers of the Continental Army out of the publick Stores of the United States beyond the bounty already granted shall be charged at the like Prices the Surplus to be defrayed by the United States

Head Quarters December 17 1777 —

*Major Gen*l. *Tomorrow* . . . . . SULLIVAN
Brigad . . . . . HUNTINGTON
Field Officers . COL CHAMBERS LT COL CARLTON
Brig Major . . . . . DAY —

THE Comm[r] in Chief with the highest satisfaction expresses his thanks to the Officers and Soldiers for the fortitude and patience with which they have sustained the fatigues of the Campaign. Altho' in some Instances we unfortunately failed upon the whole Heaven hath smiled upon our Arms, and crowned them with signal success and we may upon the best Ground conclude that by a Spirited continuance of the Measures necessary for our defence we shall finally obtain the end of our War for Independence Liberty and peace, these are Blessing worth contending for at every hazard but we hazard nothing the power of America alone duly executed would have nothing to dread from the force of Britain, but we stand not wholy upon our own Ground France yields us every Aid we ask, and there are Reasons to believe the Period is not very distant when she will take a more active part by declaring War against the British Crown every Motive therefore urges nay commands us to a firm and manly perseverance in our Opposition to our cruel Oppressors to slight Difficulties endure hardships, and contemn every Danger the Gen[l] wishes it was in his power to conduct the Troops into the best

Winter Quarters but where are those to be found should we retire into the interior parts of the Country we should find them crowded with virtuous Citizens who sacraficing their all have left Philadelphia and fled hither for Protection to this distress Humanity forbids to add this is not all we should leave a vast Extent of fertile Country to be dispoiled of and ravaged by the Enemy from which they would draw vast Supplies and where many of our firm friends would be exposed to all the miseries of the most insulting and wanton Depredations. A Train of Evils might be Innumerated but those will sufice these Considerations make it Indispensable necessary for the army to take such a position we must make ourselves the best shelter in our power with activity and diligence Hutts may be erected that will be warm and dry In these the Troops Compliate (*sic*) more secure against surprises than if in a divided State and at hand to protect the Country, these urgent Reasons have Determined the Gen! to take post in the neighbourhood of the Camp & Influenced by them he persuades himself that the Officers and Soldiers with one heart and one mind will Resolve to surmount every difficulty with the Fortitude and patience becoming their profession and the Sacred Cause in which they are engaged — He himself will share in the Hardships and partake of every inconvenience. tomorrow being set apart by the Honble Congress for publick Thanksgiving and praise &

Duty calling us Devoutly to Express our grateful acknowledgments to God for the manyfold blessings he has granted us. the Gen.l begs that the army remain in its pres.t Quarters and that the Chaplains perform Divine Service with their several Corps and Brigades and earnestly exhorts all Officers and Soldiers whosoever is not Indispensable necessary to attend with Reverence of the Day

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Head Quarters December 19th 1777.

Major Gen.l for Tomorrow . MARQUIS LA FAYETTE
Brigadier . . . . . WOODFORD
Field Officers . . COLONEL GREEN. MAJOR FISH
Brigade Major . . . . . PARKER

Head Quarters December 20th 1777.

Parole Harver Hill, *Countersign* Concord Cambridge.

Major Gen.l for tomorrow . . . . LORD STIRLING
Brigadier . . . . . WEEDON
Field Officers . L.t Col.o BUTLER. L.t Col.o DAVIS
Brigade Major . . . . . MINNIS

THE Guards to parade near the Park. Gen.l M.c Intosh is appointed to the Command of the North Carolina Brigade. The Major Gen.l accompanied by the Ingenieurs are to view the Ground attentively and fix upon the proper spott for hutting so as to render the Camp as strong & inaccessible as possible. the Engenieurs after this are to mark the ground out and direct the Field Officers appointed to

Superintend the Building for each Brigade where they are to be placed, The Soldiers in cutting their fire wood are to Save such parts of each Tree as will do for building Reserving sixteen and 18 feet of the Trunk for Logs to Rear their Huts with in doing this each Regt is to reap the benefit of its own Labour — All those who in consequence of the orders of the 18th Instant have turned their thoughts to an easy and expeditious manner of Covering their Huts are requested to Communicate their plans to Majr Genl Sullivan, Greene or Lord Sterling who will cause experiments to be made and assign the proffer'd reward to the best projector — The Q: M: G: is to delay no time but use his utmost exertion to procure large Quantities of Straw Either for Covering the Huts if it should be found necessary or for beds for the soldiers, He is to assure the farmers that unless they get their Grain thresh'd out Imediately the Straw will be taken with the Grain in it and paid for as Straw only — The Q: M: Genl is to collect as soon as possible all the Tents not now used by the Troops as soon as they are Hutted all the residue of the Tents & have them wash'd and dried & laid up in store such as are good for the next Campaign the others for the use which shall be directed the whole and be carefully preserved. The Colo and Officers Commanding Regiments are imediately to make return to the Q M Genl of every Tent belonging to

their Regt. the Army being come to a fix'd Station The Brigadiers and Officers Commanding Brigades are imediately to take effectual measures to collect and bring to Camp all the Officers and Soldiers scattered about the Country all the Officers are enjoined to see that their men do not wantonly or Needlessly burn and destroy rails and never to fire their sheds or huts when they leave them.

Head Quarters December 21st 1777.

The Genl Congratulates the Army on the arrival of French Ship at Portsmouth with 40 Brass Cannon 4 pounders Carriage Compleat 19 Nine Inch mortars 500 Nine inch Bombs 2000lb of Balls Intrenching Tools 4120 Stands of Arms a Quantity of powder 61061 lbs of Sulpher.

Head Quarters Valley Forge December 22d 1777.

Major General of the day . . . . . GREEN
Brigadier . . . . . VERNUM
Field Officers . . Lt Colo HENRY. MAJOR LEDGER
Brigade Major . . . . . Mc CLURE

AT a Genl Court Martial whereof Colonel Grayson was presidt held the 30th of November last Captn Dufay was tried on the Charge of breaking his arrest. The Court having duly weighed the Evidence and the circumstances of the Case are of opinion that Captn Dufoy did breake his arrest by going 6 miles from Camp without leave from the Commanding

Officer of the Regt and fall under the penalty of the 20th of the 14th Section of the articles of War, but as it is not in point of proff that he did this in order to avoid a Trial or screene himself from Justice and it appearing in Evidence that he is an excellent Officer and has rose from a private Soldier to his present Rank by merit alone The Court do in the strongest terms unanimously recommend him to his Excellency's Clemency — The Commander in Chief aproves the following sentence of a Genl Court Martial whereof Colo Grayson was President held the 2d instant Vizt Captn Veal of the 2nd Carolina Battalion charged first with Cowardice at the Battle at German Town 2nd with not taking his post when ordered was found guilty of the 1st Charge and his Crime Name place of abode and punishment be published in the News paper in and about that particular State from which he Came; and that it shall be deemed scandalous for any Officer to associate with him. the Court acquit the Capt Veal of the 2d Charge. Captn Granvill of the 3d Carolina Regt Charged with first neglecting his Duty and Command 2nd with misdemeanous unbecoming an Officer was acquitted with both Charges the Q M G: will Issue paper and Canteens tomorrow morning at 9 o'Clock at the Adjudt Genl Quarters. The Good of the Service Requiring at this time the attention of Officers and Soldiers to Duty; The Genl orders that no Furloughs be granted above the Rank of Captain but

from himself, nor to those below that Rank but from the Major Gen^{ls} or Officers Commanding Divisions they belong to. Non Com^{d} Officers and Soldiers may be furloughed by their respective Brigadiers or Officers Commanding Brigades, but the General doth in the most express and positive Terms Injoine the Major Gen^{ls} and Brigadiers to grant furloughs only in case of absolute necessity and even then to have proper Regard to State of the Reg^{t} and Company before given — All Furloughs to Officers are to be register'd by the Adjud^{ts} of Reg^{ts} and those to Non-Comiss^{d} Officers and Soldiers by the Commanding Officers of the Company they belong to or they will not be deemed valid. The strictest punctuality in returning at the expiration of their Furloughs will be required of all those that attain them. Major Genl Sulivan having obligingly undertaken the Direction of a Bridge to be built over the Schuylkill is to be excused from the common duties of the Camp. The old and new Field Officers of the day are to be punctual as to time in their attendance at the mounting of the Picquets that the Duty may go on Regularly and the men not be detained on the parade. It is expressly ordered that the Officers and Men who go on Picquet to take their provisions with them as none will be allowed to come off to get any. As the proper arming of the Officers would add considerable to the army and the Officers themselves derive great confidence from being

armed in time of Action. The General orders every one to provide himself with a half pike or Spear as soon as possible Fire arms when made use of with drawing their attention too much from their men and to be without either has a very awkward and unofficer like appearance, that those half pikes may be of one length and uniformely made the Brigadiers are to meet at Gen! Maxwells Quarters tomorrow morning at 10 oClock and direct their size and form. The Quart! mast! Gen! is to provide a number of Pails that every Hutt may have one. Every Soldier found discharging his Musket without Leave and in an irregular manner is to receive 20 Lashes immediately upon the Spot.

Head Quarters Valley Forge December 24th 1777.

Major Gen!. for tomorrow . . MARQUIS LA FAYETTE
Brigadier . . . . . POOR
Field Officers . . . COL? BRUER. MAJOR TITCOMB
Brigade Major . . . . . M^c^ CLINTOCK

EVERY Regiment is to draw provision to compleat their rations for tomorrow and the whole army being suplied up to that time, the Issuing Commissaries are then to make returns to the Commissary Gen! of Issues of all the provision they have upon hand.

Head Quarters Valley Forge December 25th 1777.

Parole Springfield Countersign Windsor, Hartford.

Major Genl. . . . . . De Kalb
Brigadier . . . . . Patterson
Field Officers Lt Colo Faxton. Lt Colo Ballard
Brigade Major . . . . . Learned

EACH Brigade is to detach an active careful Subaltern and 12 Men who with an Assistant Comissary are to go to such places as the Comissary Genl or his Assistant at Camp shall direct for the purpose of collecting Flour, Grain, Cattle, or Pork for the army, Such men are to be collected as are able of Body & Know how to thrash. Major Miller is to take the Command of this party and see them duly employed for the purpose above mentioned, the men are to take their Arms Blankets and necessaries with them and to parade tomorrow mornr at 9 o'Clock at the black Bull. 3 Baggage Waggons for each Brigade are to be unloaded and parade at the same time and place and to go with the Detachment, A Gill of Whiskey or Rum a man to be Issued to all the non Comissd Officers and Soldiers. Very correct returns are to be made imediately of every Corps in the Army to be Transmitted to their respective States to enable them on the measures best adopted to compleat their Corps to their Establishment. Of the Nine Virginia Regiments Reinlisted are to be particularly specefied and in the New England Regts those Inlisted for a short period

are to be distinguished from the Rest. Complaint hath been made of divers Soldiers some on horse back have been a plundering the Inhabitants this probably arises at least in part from the Rolls not being Regularly called and absentees Duly noticed the Genl. therefore Requires that this be constantly done in future and if any Soldier is Cought Riding on a Waggon or other Horse in or out of Camp is to be severly punished. Genl. Huntington is to send Immediately a Captn Subaltern, & 40 men of his Brigade as a Picket to Fat Land Ford and relieve tomorrow.

Head Quarters Valley Forge Decr. 26th 1777

Major Genl. . . . . . GREEN
Brigadier . . . . . SCOTT
Field Officers Lt Colo DAWSON. MAJOR BURKHARD
Brigade Major . . . . . DAY

GENERAL Court Martial is to sit at the House of Wilsey Bodles near the Provost at nine oClock this morning for the tryal of all prisoners that shall be brought before them. Colo Seamms is appointed President of this Court a Captn from Muhlenburgs, second Pennsylvania, Glovers, Huntingtons & Mc Intosh's Brigades and a Sub: from Weedon's, Scott's, 1st Pensylvania Learned's & Vernum's Brigades will constitute the members of the Court an orderly Serjeant from each Brigade giving a Capt will give an orderly Serjt to attend said Court. Henry Mc Cormick Esqr is appointed

Brigade Major to the Pensylvania Brigade Pro: Tempore, and is to be respected as such, It is with in expressable Grief and Indignation that the General has received Information of the Cruel outrages and Robberies Lately committed by Soldiers on the other side Schuylkill. Was we in the Enemy's Country such practices would be unwarrantable, but committed against our friends are in the highest degree Base Cruel and Injurious to the Cause in which we are engaged they demand therefore and shall receive the severest punishment such crimes have brought reproach upon the Army and every Officer and Soldier Suffers by the practices of such villains, and it is the Interest of every honest Man to detect them and prevent a repedition of such Crimes. the General earnestly desires the Gen.l Officers and those Commanding Corps to represent to their men the Cruelty, Baseness and Wickedness of such practices and the injury they do the Army and the Common cause and still further to prevent the Commission of those Crimes the Gen.l Positively orders 1.st that no Officer under the degree of a Field Officer or Officer Command.s a Reg.t give passes to non Comission.d officers or Soldiers under any pretence whatever 2.nd that no non Comiss.d Officer or Soldier have with him any arms unless on duty 3.d that every Non Comissioned Officer or Soldier caught without the Limits of the Camp not having such passes or with his Arms shall be confin'd and severely punish'd 4.th that

the Roll of each Company be called frequently & evening at different times between the hours of 8 and 10 o'Clock all the Mens Quarters to be visited by such Officers as the Brigadier or Officer Commanding Corps shall appoint, and all absentees are to be exemplary punished 5th that as some of Villains complained off have been found mounted on Waggon horses, Every Waggon Mast. and Conductor of Waggons are Constantly to be near his Charge and frequently and particularly every evening and morning to inspect his Waggons and horses &c. that Neither they nor their Waggon's, and if a Waggoner or any of his Horses are missing and not on Duty here to be confined and punished. Complaints having been made by the Surgeon's of Hospitals that the Sick are often sent to him without a List required by Gen! Orders Issued the 12th November. to them orders all Officers are refer'd for Directions in this Point and of the disposition of the arms of the sick. it appears also that many men who go into the Hospitals well clad are in a manner naked when they get well and cannot return to their Regiment till new Cloathed to prevent a Continuance of this evil that those guilty may be known and punished, No Man hence froward are to be sent to the Hospitals without a List of the Regiment and Company they belong to and of every Article of their Cloathing those Lists signed by the Captain or Officer Commanding Compy. and Transmitted to the Surgeon of

the Hospital to which the Sick are sent without such Lists the Officer sending them shall be punished with neglect at the discretion of a Gen.l Court Martial and for this and the Surgeons of the Hospitals are as soon as possible to send a report of that Officer to the Adjud.t General and that the arms and accoutrements of such sick may not be Lost or damaged they agreeably to the Gen.ls Orders lately Issued to be delivered to the Regimental Q.r Masters and by them without delay to the Comiss.y of Military Stores and never carried with the sick to the Hospital. 3 Field Officers are to go down immediately and take command of 50 men each sent of in the Night of the 22.d Instant the whole are to be under the Command of Col.o Morgan L.t Col.o Heath, L.t Col.o Davison and Major Hull are appointed to this Duty.

Head Quarters Valley Forge December 27.th 1777

Major Gen.l of the day . . MARQUIS DE LA FAYETTE
Brigadier . . . . . Mc INTOSH
Field officers . . L.t COL.o VOST. L.t COL.o MILLON
Brigade Major . . . . . WILLIAMS

DETAIL the same as yesterdays M.r Burment at present Quarter Mast.r is appointed pay Master of the 1.st Reg.t of Light Dragoons and to be respected as such, M.r John Hughes Q: M: Serj.t to sixth Troop is appointed Q.r M.r to the same Reg.t in the room of Q.r M.r Green and is to be respected as such. The Troops are

to draw provision for tomorrow. Notwithstanding the orders repeatedly given of calling the absent Officers to Camp The Commander in Chief is informed that many are Still scattered about in the Country mispending their time to the prejudice of the Service and Injury to those Officers who remain and attend their duty in Camp he therefore directs the Brigadiers and Officers Commanding Brigades forthwith to make strict inquiry concerning all the Officers absent from their Brigades and such as are absent without Leave from proper authority or having had such Leave remain unecessarily absent are to be immediately Notified to return to Camp without delay, on pain of being suspended or Cashier'd, Each Brigade Q: M: to make Return this afternoon to the Q: M: Gen.l of the Number of Officers hutts necessary for their Brigades according to the Regulations and Gen.l orders.

Head Quarters V: F: December 28th 1777.

Major Gen.l for tomorrow . . . . . DE KALB
Brigadier . . . . . MUHLENBERG
Field officers . . . L. COL.o BASSETT. MAJOR PETERS
Brigade Major . . . . . MINNIS

All the Troops are to draw and Cook Provision for tomorrow.

Head Quarters V: F: December 29th 1777.

Parole Germantown *Countersign* Concord, Charlestown.

Major Genl. for tomorrow . . . . . GREEN
Brigadier . . . . . VARNUM
Field Officers . . . COLO ANGLE. MAJOR PORTER
Brigade Major . . . . . CLAYBORNE

DETAILS the same as yesterday Except Patterson's Brigade who furnishes a Captain in the room of Weedon's. The Commander in Chief earnestly exhorts the Officers of every rank to use their utmost Exertions to have their Hutts compleated as soon as possible, that the Troops may get comfortably Lodged, he also directs a Gill of Spirits to be served this afternoon to each non Comissd Officer or Soldier, and as Officers may find it difficult and expensive to procure Spirits for their own use he authorizes those of every Regiment to depute and send one of their own Corps in to this or the neighbouring States to purchase such Spirits and other articles for their accomodation in Camp as they shall find convenient for their own use only, The Returns which were called for the 24th Instant was Intended to pass through the hands of the Commander in Chief to be by him Transmitted to their respective States where the Troops were raised those who have failed making such returns to the Adjudt Genl are to do it Immediately

Head Quarters V: F: December 30th 1777.

Parole Reading *Countersign* Richmond, Trenton,

Major Genl. for tomorrow . . . . LORD STERLING
Brigadier . . . . . HUNTINGTON
Field Officers . Lts Colo LITTLE. Lt Colo BRANT
Brigade . . . . . Mc CORMICK

GREAT number of Prisoners are now in the Provost suffering severely from the severity of the season. Brigade Genl Court Martials are to be appointed tomorrow and sit every day 'till all the men that belong to their Respective Brigades are tried. a Flag will go into Philadelphia to morrow morning any person wanting to Send any thing to the prisoners must apply to the Comissary Genl of Prisoners at the Cloathier's Store.

Head Quarters V: F: December 31st 1777.

Major Genl. for tomorrow . MARQUIS DE LA FAYETTE
Brigadier . . . . . POOR
Field officers . . . COLO DUNCAN. MAJOR RYON
Brigade Major . . . . . Mc GOWEN

DETAILS the Same as yesterday only Poors furnishes a Captain instead of Glovers. In order to procure a certain supply of shoes for the Troops The respective Brigadiers and Officers Commanding Brigades are as soon as possible to see Mr Ewing Commissary Genl of hides and agree with him on some mode of furnishing hides to be exchanged by them or the persons by them appointed for shoes, for

their Brigades. Frequent Complaints having been made by the Inhabitants of their Forrage being taken without leaving them a reasonable share for the subsistence of their families, and that they are often insulted and abused, in future no person is to take forrage except the Forrage Master who are to give Receipts for the same and where a protection is given by the Commissary Gen.l of forage they are to take no more from the Person who has it, Except by Special order from Him for the purpose, any Insults or abuse to the Inhabitants, will be punished with the utmost severity

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Head Quarters V: F: January 2.d 1778.

Parole Southampton *Countersign* Bristol, Burlington.

Major Gen.l for tomorrow . . . . . GREEN
Brigadier . . . . . Mc. INTOSH
Field Officers . COL.o BRADLEY. MAJOR COGSWELL
Brigade Major . . . . . BAILEY

THE Commander in Chief to prevent the unecessary application for Furloughs informs the Officers that none will be granted by him, unless the Officer who applies produces a Certificate from the Major Gen.l to which they belong that the State of the Reg.t will admit of their absence from Camp and it is expected that the Majors Gen.ls will duly inform themselves of the State of the Reg.ts previous to their giving such certificates and whether furloughs may

be granted without injuring the Service and in determining this they will consider how very expedient it is that Officers remain in Camp when strong necessity does not demand their absence, to Improve themselves and their Corps in a sistem of discipline as may be prescribed and which the Quit & a fix'd Camp will afford them opportunity to practice, all the Cartridges in the Mens hands are to be collected Immediately and delivered to the Regimental Q^{r} M^{rs}, except those which are regularly placed in their Cartridge Boxes which Boxes are to be compleatly filled The Regimental Q^{r} M^{rs} are to deliver all the spare Cartridges to the persons appointed by the Major Gen^{ls} of the several Divisions to receive them and the Major Gen^{ls} will immediately appoint persons for that purpose, who are to apply to the Commissary Genl of Stores for paper and to cause all the good Cartridges to be packed in bundles and the damaged ones to be delivered to the Comissary. The Brigadiers and Officers Commanding Independant Brigades are to make a like appointment for their Brigades. Every monday morning the Regimental Surgeons are to make Returns to the Surgeon Genl or in his absence to one of the Senior Surgeons, present in Camp of all the sick in Camp or otherwise under the Immediate care of the Regimental Surgeons specifying the mens names Comp^{s} Reg^{ts} and disseases.

Head Quarters V: F: January 1st 1778.

Parole Relster *Countersign* Salem, Amboy.

Major Genl. for tomorrow . . . . . De Kalb
Brigadier . . . . . Patterson
Field Officers . . . Colo Spencer. Major Polk
Brigade Major . . . . . Mc Clure

AS this day begins the New Year the General orders a Gill of Spirits to be delivered to each non Commissd Officer and Soldier and the Irregular and partial distribution of this article has been a great deal complained off he orders that no Spirits be Issued to any part of the Troops in future but in consequence of a Genl or Special order from Head Quarters. A Deviation from this will be at the risque and peril of the Issuing Commissary. The Commanding Officers of each Regiment to give in a return at orderly time tomorrow of the number of Taylors in their Regiments he Commands and no new Cloathing to be made for the use of any Regt but by a pattern which will be furnished them. Colo Cook is appointed presidt in room of Colo Scambil.

Head Quarters V: F: January 3d. 1778.

Major General for tomorrow . . . LORD STERLING
Brigadier . . . . . SCOTT
Field Officers . COLO CUMSTOCK. MAJOR BRADDISH
Brigade Majr. . . . . . Mc CLINTOCK

AT a General Court Martial held the 28th Ultimo. Whereof Colo Scammel was president, Captn Courtly of Artillery appeared before the Court, Charged with leaving his Hoitz in the Field in the action of Brandywine in a cowardly unsoldierly like manner, the Court having considered the Charge and Evidence are of opinion that Captn Courtly is Guilty of the charge exhibited against him and do Sentence him as he has ever suported the Character of a brave man to be reprimanded by Genl Knox in presence of all the Artillery Officers. The Commander in Chief is induced from a state of all the evidence to disaprove the Sentence and orders Captn Courtly to be discharged from his arrest without Censure. The Commander in Chief aproves the sentence of the same Gl Court Martial held the 27th Ultimo to wit / Ensign Carpenter charged with absenting himself without leave from Camp knowing that the Regiment was to go imediately into Action, is found guilty and sentenced to be cashiered, the sentence to be put in execution forthwith. John Mc Clure tried for suttling in Camp contrary to Genl orders pleads guilty, the Court are of opinion that his suffering in the Provost have sufi-

tiently punished him for his Crime do direct that he be discharged from thence.

The Honourable the Continental Congress have resolved that the Commander in Chief be directed to inform and he doth hereby Inform the brave Officers and Soldiers of the Continental Army now in Camp that as the Situation of the enemy has rendered it necessary to take post in a part of a Country not provided with houses. In Consequence thereof to reside in Huts. Congress aproving of their soldier like patience, fidelity, Zeal in the cause of their Country, Directs one month extraordinary pay to be given to each, & that Congress are exerting themselves to remedy the inconvenience which the Army has experienced from the defects of the Commissary and Cloathier's Departments that after the 1st day of January instant the Comisary Genl of purchase is from time to time to compute the Cost of each part of a Ration agreeable to Prime Cost of the Several articles composing the same, and by this estimate the Issuing Commissary are to govern themselves instead of the mode of the 38th article of the Commissary's Regulations passed by Congress the 10th of June last — and further that the Genl should recommend and he doth strongly recommend to the Officers of the Army to draw such a part of their Rations only as may be necessary for their respective subsistance and to receive their residue in money at the estimated Cost aforesaid untill the difficulties

arising from the present defitiencies in the Comissary's Department shall be removed — The Second Brigade of Lord Sterling's Division have permission to discharge their Arms tomorrow morning at Roll Call.

Head Quarters V: F: January 4th 1778.

Parole Litchfield *Countersign* New Haven, Norwich.

Major General for tomorrow . MARQUIS LA FAYETTE
Brigadier . . . . . VARNUM
Field Officers . MAJOR ALLISON. MAJOR TAYLOR
Brigade Major . . . . . LEARNED

AS fast as the men go into Hutts the Tents are immediately return'd to the Q.r M.r Gen.l The Commanding Officers of Reg.ts are to see this put in execution. The Brigadiers will pay proper attention to it and Officers of Companies will be answerable for those which have been delivered to them. The Commander in Chief is thus pointed because he is informed that Some Tents have been cut up by the Soldiers and disposed off and because all the Tents which now are good and can be repaired Will be indispensable necessary the next Campaign, as fast as the Tents come into the Q.r M.r Gen.ls hands he is to have them wash'd thoroughly repaired and stored making a return of the whole and the Quality of them. By order of Congress no Officer is allowed to hold two Commissions in the Army The Commanding Officers of Companies and Regi-

ments are to pay strict attention to this order in making out their Muster Rolls A General Court Martial of the Line to sit tomorrow morning at 9 oClock at the Bakehouse for the tryal of all Prisoners that shall be brought before them. Colo Swift is president a Captn from each Brigade, those of Genl Wayne excepted, will Constitute the Members of said Court, an orderly Serjt from each Division is to attend the Court.

Head Quarters V: F: January 5th 1778.

A Gen. Court Martial held the 1st Instant whereof Colo Sambre was presidt Appeared Dunham Ford Commissary in Genl Green's Division Charged with Theft. The Court having consider'd the Charge and Evidence are of opinion that Dunham Ford is guilty of the Charge exhibited against him and do Sentence him to pay Mr Spencer & Mr Hotawell 200 dollars and that after he shall procure a Certificate from the aforesaid Genl of the payment of the above Sum, he be brought from the Provost Guard mounted on a horse back foremost without a Saddle, his Coat turn'd wrong side out his hands tied behind him & be drum'd out of the Army (Never more to return) by all the Drums in the Division to which he belongs and that the above sentence be published in the News papers. The Commander in Chief approves the Sentence and orders it put in Execution.

The Officers Commanding Corps which furnished Seamen to the Galleys in Delaware are to make inquiry and Report to the Adjud.t Gen.l whether they have join'd their Corps or not again. The Commissaries are without delay to provide Soap to be Issued to the Troops. Soft soap is to be procured if hard cannot be obtained.——„——„—— Pursuant to a resolve of Congress of the 1.st Instant the Commanding Officers of the Continental Regiments now in Camp are required to make immediately exact Returns of the Officers and Soldiers in their respective Regiments to the Pay Master thereof to prevent any imposition in the Payment of the one month pay extraordinary which Congress in their resolve of the 26.th December last have ordered to be given to the brave Officers and Soldiers of the Continental Army on account of their Soldiery patience and fidelity and Zeal in Hutting &.c as expressed in said Resolve. The daily Guards are to parade in the morning precisely at 9 oClock of which the Officers of the Day Brigade Majors will duly Notice.

Sergeant for Court Martial from Bradfords.

Head Quarters Valley F: January 6th 1778.

Major Gen!. for tomorrow . . . . . GREEN
Brigadier . . . . . POOR
Field officers . . . . COL° GRAY. MAJ^R VARNUM
Brigade Major . . . . . ALDEN

THE difficulty of procurring Forage for such Horses as must necessarily be detain'd for the Common purposes of the Camp, obliges the Commander in Chief to call upon the Gen! Officers and Commanding Officers of Regiments to see that no Officer under their Respective Command (except those who are allowed Forrage of Congress and even to them it is recommended to part with their Horses if they can) does under any pretence whatever keep a horse in Camp the plea of doing it at their own expence will not be admitted, as the Evil will not thereby be remedied, a strict compliance of this order is expected from every Officer — The Quart! M! Gen! is without delay to send for the Iron Ovens provided by M! Erskin and deliver one to each Brigade, he will know at Head Quarters where they now lay. The General in riding through the Encampment observing that many Hutts were Cover'd with Tents. Whilst Chimney's were building to others again repeats his orders to have the Tents delivered up the moment the Hutts are or can be compleated, to the doing of which he will only allow this week and he expects from the Gen! Officers Commanding the Wings and the

second Line that they will put this into a Train of executions and see that the order is complied with, the Spirits which the Commander in Chief ordered to be seized may be delivered by the Comissary to the Officers in due proportion. Colº Dewees who is nearly ruin'd by the Enemy, Complains that the ruins of his buildings are likely to be destroyed by this Army. The Commander in Chief positively forbids the least injury to be done to the Walls and Chimneys of Colº Dewee's buildings and as divers Iron plates have been taken from them, The Commanding Officers of Corps are Immediately to inspect all the Hutts of their Regiments and make Returns to the Qr Mr Genl of all they can find and the names of the persons in whose possession they are found that they may be restored when demanded.

The Regimental Surgeons are immediately to make returns to Doctor Cochran Surgeon Genl of all the men in their Regiments, who have not had the small Pox, they will also call on Doctor Cochran for what sulpher they need for the use of their Regiment.

At a Genl Court Martial held the second instant in Genl Vernums Brigade of which Major Ward was president. Ensign Benjamin Arnold of Colº Angels Regt Charged with getting drunk and behaving in a disorderly unsoldier like manner in Camp on the 6th of December, with refusing to retire to his Quarters when ordered by the Colonel,

sending him for answer that he would go when he pleased and not before, & also with refusing to do his duty when regularly warn'd and threatning to leave the Service, whether he could a discharge or not, on the 24th. of the Month was tried and adjudged Guilty of the whole, and by the Court unanimously sentenced to be Cashiered with Infamy, to be rendered ever hereafter incapable of holding a Commission in the Continental Service, and that it shall be accounted scandalous for an Officer to hold friendly Correspondence with him. — The Commander in Chief approves the Sentence and orders it to be executed. —

At a Genl. Court Martial held in Genl. Weedon's Brigade on the 4th. Instant thereof Colo. Symn's was president. John Reely a Soldier in the 2d. Virginia Regt. Charged with deserting from the Guard and taking with him two prisoners in Irons was tried and found guilty of the Crime wherewith he was charged and therefore sentenced to suffer death. The Commander in Chief approves the Sentence and orders it to be put in Execution next fryday at 10 oClock forenoon near the grand parade.

B: O:

January 7th. 1778.

Commanding officers of Companies are desired to make out a List of ye. names of all the men that have deserted that belonged to their respective Companies and give them in to the Adjudant. In future there is to be Appd.

every day a Regimentl. Officer of the Day whose business it will be to visit the Huts morning and Evening and make the Soldiers keep them clean and in good order as also to see that the Camp is kept clean and that the Quarter Guard keeps in good order.

Head Quarters V: F: January 7th 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . LORD STERLING
Brigadier . . . . . PATTERSON
Field Officers . . LT COL° STARR. MAJOR MENTZES
Brigade Major . . . . . MINNIS

FOUR days fresh Provision is to be Issued forthwith. The Qr Mr Gl is to apply to the Adjudt Gen. for a fatigue party to cause all dead horses in and about the Camp and all Offals to be buried after which each Deputy Q: M: is to See this regularly performed once a week in & near their own Divisions, The Officers Commanding Divisions are required to know this order executed. — The D: C: Genl desires those Brigade Q: M: and Officers who lately drew the Cloathing at White Marsh for their Brigades and have not yet given in their Regimental Receipts for their proportion to produce them immediately to him he also requests all persons having private Accounts with him to Call and settle the same

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Head Quarters V: F: January 8th 1778.

Parole Newark, *Countersign* Woodbridge, Chatham,

Major Genl. for tomorrow . MARQUIS LA FAYETTE
Brigadier . . . . . Mc INTOSH
Field Officers . COLO GRAYSON. MAJOR ALDRIDGE
Brigade Majr. . . . . . CLAYBORNE

THE Commander in Chief is informed that gaming is again creeping into the Army in a more especial manner among the Lower Staff in the Environs of the Camp he therefore in the most solemn terms declares that this Vice in either Officer or Soldier shall not when detected escape exemplary punishmt and to avoid discrimination between play and gaming forbids Cards and Dice under any pretence whatever. Being also informed many men are rendered unfit for duty by the Itch, He orders and directs the Regimental Surgeons to look attentively into this matter and as soon as the men who are affected with this disorder are properly disposed in Hutts to have them anointed for it. All Issuing Commissaries are carefully to save all the horns of Cattle, and have them seperated from the Bones and then return'd to the Qr Mr Genl who is to store them — a Detachment of a Captain and 40 men from each Brigade are to attend the execution of John Reeley on the Grand parade to morrow forenoon. John Berrin Esqr is appointed Brigade Major to the North Carolina Brigade and is to be respected as such. At a General

Court Martial held the 5th instant in Genl Muhlenberg's Brigade of which Lieut. Colo Ball was president Ensign Cock of the 1st Va Regiment charged with denying upon Oath what he formerly and has since said he knew respecting Capt. Crumps behaviour thereby acting inconsistantly with Honour and truth, was tried and found guilty of the charge and by the Unanimous opinion of the Court sentenced to be discharged from the Service. The Commander in Chief approves the Sentence and orders it to be put in execution forthwith. — The Brigades may receive their Quota of Nails at the Q. M. Genls Store — Each Brigade is to make a return of armurers therein to the Adjudant Genl A Flagg to go into Philadelphia tomorrow morning at 9 oClock from the Quarters of the Commissary Genl of Prisoners. The Spirits mentioned in the orders of the 6th Instant, have not yet come into the Commissary's hands, the Waggon's sent for that purpose being imployed by Genl Smallwood, Notice will be given when they arrive.

January 8th 1778. B: O:

At a Brigade Genl Court Martial whereof Colo Syme was President appeared Timothy Driskill of the 2d Regt Charged with attempting to desert to the enemy found guilty of the Charge and Sentenced to receive 100 Lashes. The Genl approves the sentence and orders it to be put in execution forthwith

Head Quarters V: F: January 9th 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . De Kalb
Brigadier . . . . . Maxwell
Field offrs . . Lt Colo Prentice. Majr Sunner
Brigade Majr. . . . . . Mc Cormick

THE Fatigue to parade to morrow at 8 o'Clock at Fatland ford. the Execution of John Reiley is respited till tomorrow 8 'oClock in the forenoon when the detachments from the several Brigades are to attend on the grand Parade. Some doubts having arisen with respect to the manner in which the Pay rolls for the one month extraordinary pay should be made up. The proceedings therein to be stay'd 'till further orders, the order of yesterday for returns for Armourers was intended to include all the gunsmiths in the respective Brigades. Those returns are to be made tomorrow at orderly time, The R Paymasters are to bring their abstracts for the month Novr for Examination.
The Majr Genl & Brigadiers or Officers Commanding the Brigades of each Division are to fix on some suitable place near their respective Brigades where Hospitals may be errected one for the Sick in each Brigade, and as soon as the men can possibly be sparred (*sic*) from hutting they are to errect those Hospitals, the Officers who shall be Appd to superintend the Work will receive Directions therefore at the Adjudt Genls Office. The B: Q: Mrs are as soon as possible to make racks of all the Horses of their Brigades to prevent the waste of Forage.

The Gen! is informed that many Officers are frequently passing out of Camp without leave that practice is absolutely forbidden and no Officer is to go beyond the Limits of the Camp without written Licence from the Maj! Gen! or Brigadier of the Division or Brigade to which he Belongs.

Head Quarters V: F: January 10th 1778.

Major Gen!. tomorrow . . . . . GREEN
Brigadier . . . . . WEEDON
Field Officers . . . COL° HURLEY. MAJOR HAIR
Brigade Major . . . . . Mc GOWEN

THE Issuing Commissary's are hereby authorized to furnish the Gen! and other Officers of the Army with small proportionable Quantities of Spirits upon their orders whenever it can be spared of which he is to keep a regular account and Settle with them for it at reasonable prices. All the Tin Cannisters that have been issued to the Troops are to be return'd forthwith to the Commissary of Military Stores, Who is to enter the number received from each Corps and Brigade.

Head Quarters V: F: January 11th 1778.

Major Gen! tomorrow . . . . . LORD STIRLING
Brigadier . . . . . WOODFORD
Field Officers . . . MAJOR SPENCER. MAJOR HAY
Brigade Major . . . . . Mc CLURE

So many days provision are to be Issued to the Troops tomorrow Morning as will compleate them to Wednesday next inclusively.

Head Quarters V: F: January 12th 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . MARQUIS LA FAYETTE
Brigadier . . . . . SCOTT
Field Officers . . COLO: SHRIVER. MAJOR FARNOLD
Brigade Majr. . . . . . BAILEY

THE detachments Ordered to Relieve Colo Morgan and take post at the Gulph Mill, are to be on the grand parade tomorrow morning and ready to march at Sun rise, with their provision compleated to next Wednesday inclusively.

The Commissary Genl to keep Account of the number of Cattle Issued to the Army that the number of hides may be assertained and duly accounted for to the Commissary of hides.

The Brigade Commissaries are to apply forthwith to their Brigadiers or Officers Commanding Brigades and with their approbation fix upon a place for Collecting all the dirty Tallow and saving the Ashes for the purpose of making soft soap for the use of the Army, also for imploying proper persons to boile the Oyle out of the Cattles feet and preserve it for the use of the Army. This Oile is to be put in Casks and delivered to the Qr M: Genl. The Brigade Qr Masters are to see that the orders of the 9th instant for building racks for the horses be properly complied with and that the Waggon Masters pay proper attention to the Horses, and that every Soldier caught on horse back be immediately confined and punished

Head Quarters V: F: January 13th 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . De Kalb
Brigadier . . . . . Vernum
Field Officers . . Lt Colo. Burr. Major Nichols
Brigade Majr. . . . . . Mc Clinton

THE Honourable the Congress having been pleased to call Colo Pickering to a seat at the Board of war, have appointed Colo Scammell Adjudant Gen. in his room, who is to be obeyed and respected as such. Officers Commanding Guards are to give the Countersigns to the Picquets as soon as it is dark. — The Commander in Chief is surprised to hear that the Butchers have extorted money from the Soldiers for the plucks of Beef The Commissaries are therefore directed to Issue the plucks and heads together for 8 pounds, and the Quarter Masters are to see that the different Companies draw it by turn, The Flying Hospital Hutts are to be 15 feet wide and 25 long in the clear and the story at least 9 feet high to be covered with boards or Shingles only without any dirt, Windows made on each side and a Chimney at one end, Two Such Hospitals are to be made for each Brigade at or near the Center and if the ground permits of it not more than 100 yards distance from the Brigade.

Head Quarters V: F: January 14th 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . GREEN
Brigadier . . . . . HUNTINGTON
Field Officers . . COLO BUCKER. COLO BRADFORD
Brigade Mr. . . . . . LEARNED

THE Cloathier has some Stockings suitable for Officers at reasonable prices.

The Brigade Majors will deliver a List of the Field Officers in the Several Brigades tomorrow at orderly time.

Head Quarters V: F: January 15th 1778.

Major Genl. for tomorrow . . . . LORD STIRLING
Brigadier . . . . . POOR
Field Officers LT COLO WELTNER. LT COLO HERMER
Brigade Major . . . . . PATTERSON

THE works mark'd out by the Ingenieurs for the defence of the Camp are to be executed with all possible dispatch and the Commander in Chief requests the favour of General Green, Lord Stirling and the Marquis La Fayette, Genl Sullivan being upon other duty to Consult with Genl Portail on the proper means and number of men necessary to execute the works in the different Wings and Second Line and give orders accordingly, and that each of them appoint proper Officers to Superintend and push forward the defences.— The Qr Mr Genl is positively ordered to provide Straw for the use of the Troops and the Surgeons to see that the sick when they are

removed to Hutts assigned for the Hospital are plentyfully suplied with this article — Colº Humpton and Gibson Lt Colº Norse who are appointed to repair to the several Hospitals in the middle department they will receive their orders at the Adjudant Genls Office tomorrow morning Nicholas Gilman Adjudt of the third New Hampshire Regt is appointed Assistant to the Adjudt Genl — All the armourers except those already imployed in their respective Regts are to parade at Guard mounting a Camp Colourman from each Brigade at the same time and place. Provision to be Issued to the Troops to next Sunday Inclusively. The Qr Mr Genl is immediately to fix upon ground proper between or near the Lines when Huts may be errected for prisoners under the provost Guard, he will appoint a suitable Carpenter to assist and direct the Men with their axes from each Brigade, two men from each Brigade to be sent 'till the huts are finish'd.

Head Quarters V: F: January 16th 1778.

Major Genl tomorrow . . .	Marquis La Fayette
Brigadier	Patterson
Field Officers	Colº Wigglisworth
	Lt Colº Littlefield
B: M:	Stagg

LIEUTt Colº Butler Lt Colº Sprout and Major Hall to take the Command of the fatigue party to parade tomorrow morning.

Head Quarters V: F: January 17th 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . De Kalb
Brigadier . . . . . Mc Intosh
Field Officers . Lt. Col. Davis. Major Gilman
Brigade Major . . . . . Day

THE Brigadiers and Officers Commanding Brigades are to meet this evening at Genl. Vernum's Quarters to consult and agree upon proper and speedy measures to exchange raw hides for shoes, They will as soon as possible critically examine into the state and Condition of the arms in the respective Brigades, and get those out of repair put in order as soon as possible and consult upon the most speedy method of procuring a sufficient number of proper sized Bayonets to supply the defficiencies. The General desires that they will likewise agree upon the most proper and speedy means to have all the Officers in their Brigades furnished with half pikes agreeable to General orders Issued December 22d —

Head Quarters V: F: January 18th 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . Green
Brigadier . . . . . Maxwell
Field Officers Lt. Col. Carlton. Lt. Col. Harney
Brigt. Majr. . . . . . Kelley

AT a General Council of the Brigadiers and Officers Commanding Brigades in obedience to yesterdays orders report as follows — 1st that the Commissaries of the Respective Brigades

retain their hides to the disposal of the Brigadiers giving an exact Account from time to time to the Commissary of hides.

At a Brigade Court Martial held the 12th instant whereof L: Col° Harmer was presid: Ensign Foster of 6th Pensylvania Reg: being found guilty of Challenging Captn Cruise and behaving unbecoming the Character of an Officer or a Gentleman was sentenced to be discharged from the Service

The Commander in Chief in Conformity of the articles of War approves the Sentence, but in consideration of the Circumstances is pleased to restore Ensign Foster to his former rank, at the same time is sorry to observe that the dispute between the parties arose from a cause that was conducted in a manner that does neither of them much Honor.—

As the army is now in all probability station'd for the remainder of the winter, It is necessary that the departments for supplying it with provision and forage should be put upon such a footing that as few delays and difficulties as possible may happen, In order to do this more effectually the most Exact arrangements and disposition should be made of the Waggons and horses employ'd in the service. The Commander in Chief therefore orders that all private Waggons and horses annexed, either to Reg^ts or imploy'd by the Brigade Commissarys shall be delivered up on Monday or Tuesday next to the Q: M: Gen! at the field next beyond the Adjud: Gen!s Office, those be-

longing to the first Line on Monday and those belonging to the Second line on Tuesday, also the Artillery and on Wednesday and Thursday next all the Waggons and horses the property of the United States, annexed to the different Regiments or employed by the Brigade Commissaries are also to be delivered up to the Q: M: Gen! at the place and in the Manner above directed.

The whole to be then aranged and appropriated in such manner as the Q M G! or the Forage Master Gen! shall judge best Calculate to supply the Army with Forage and fuel, and to perform other Camp duty, A sufficient number of Waggons will immediately be return'd to the Brigade for the Service of the Camp, While a more compleat arrangement is making. It having been represented by the Q: M: Gen! that a great number of Saddle horses have been drawn at different times by Officers Q! Masters Waggon Masters and Commissaries for various service and never return'd, The Commander in Chief expressly orders that such be return'd to the Q M Gen! upon the Day and place above mentioned when he will allow such to retain them as appears to have a real necessity from their occupation for their Service. That the Brigadiers on the present exigency send an Officer from each Brigade into the Country to exchange Hides for Shoes. Hides at 4^{d} per lb and Shoes at 10/ p! pair. That their expences be defrayed by a draught on

the Q M Gen.l — That the Commanding Officers of Battalions give rec.ts to their respective Brigadiers for the shoes delivered them which receipts shall be delivered to the Cloathier Gen.l 2.d That those Brigades which are furnished with Armourers and tools have their Bayonets made in their Brigades and that those (who) cannot procure Armourers and tools purchase Bayonets from the Country Artificers. 3.d That the Q M Gen.l be directed to have Aspontons or pikes to be made for the Officers The staff 6½ feet long and 1½ Inch in Diameter in the largest part and that the Iron part be one foot long — The Commander in Chief accepts and approves the above report and orders it to take place in every respect.

A Division Court Martial held the 15.th instant whereof L.t Col.o Ballard was President. Capt.n Lambert of the 14.th Virg.a Reg.t tried for stealing a Hatt from Capt.n Allis found guilty and unanimously sentenced to be Cashiered and that it be deemed scandalous for an officer to Associate with him in future and that his Crime, Name, place of Abode and punishment be published in and about Camp and in the news papers of every state particularly the State he belongs to, and that he pay Capt.n Allis 30 dollars for the hatt he stole from him Also the expences of the Witnesses against him and the expences of an express sent for them — Which shall be paid before he is released from his confinement — The Com-

mander in Chief approves the Sentence and orders it to take place immediately.

That three Axmen from each Brigade which furnish Guards to parade on the grand parade at 9 oClock every morning.

Head Quarters V: F: January 19th 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . LORD STIRLING
Brigadier . . . . . WEEDON
Field Officers . . COLO LEVINGSTON. MAJR CONVAY
B: M: . . . . . ALDEN

AT a Brigade Court Martial held the 7th instant whereof Major Ryan was President Francis Morris a Soldier in 1st Pensylvania Regt tried for repeated Desertions was found guilty and Unanimously sentenc'd to suffer death in such manner as shall be ordered by the Commander in Chief His Excellency the Commander in Chief approves the Sentence.

Provisions to be issued to the troops up to next Thursday Inclusive Detachments sent upon Command from the time of their marching No Provisions are to be drawn for them by the Rt Qr Mr till they return.

The Brigade Majors will daily attend at the Adjudt Generals Office for orders precisely at 12 oClock.

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The Division Court Martial of which Lt Colo Ballard was President is to sit at his Quarters Tomorrow at 10 oClock for the Tryal of those prisoners Confined by Briga-

dier Weedon on Suspicion of Mutiny and Desertion.

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The Regimental Surgeons are every Wednesday and Saturday Are to make Returns to the Brigadier of all the Sick in their Respective Regt^{s} They will apply to the Brigade Major for a Form. They or their Mates are duly to attend the Huts of their Men and see that the sick are provided for as well as possible, If any thing is wanting the Officer, Commanding the Regt^{t} are to be acquainted therewith as Quick as possible who is to spare no pains for the help of the sick untill they can be sent to the Hosp^{l} The hours of which this duty will be attended too are at roll Call in the morning — Noon — 3 oClock in the evening and at Tattoo any Surgeon or mate failing in this duty to be reported by the Commanding Officer of the Reg^{t} to which he belongs to the Brigadier.

The Surgeons are Also to keep a Book in which they will enter a Copy of Every Return they give in. When Men parade for duty the Adjudants or Officers acting as such to march them to the Brigade parade where they will remain 'till such men are excepted By the Brigade Major. The R Q: M: are to collect all their Axes and have such as want it repair'd immediately, when men parade for Fatigue they will furnish them with Such tools as are wanting.

Head Quarters V: F: January 20th 1878.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . MARQUIS DE LA FAYETTE
Brigadier . . . . . WOODFORD
Field Officers . . . . COLO PATTON. MAJOR FISH
Brigade Major . . . . . MARRIN

THE Genl Officers and Officers Commanding Brigades are Desired to meet at General Sullivans Quarters tomorrow morning 10 oClock In order of Considering the expedience of Opening a publick Market, In Camp they are to take into Consideration the proper place and days for holding a Market The Regulations and Guards to preserve good order — The prices proper to be Affixed upon Every Article in the Settlement of which they should Endeavour to consult some of the most Intelligable Country men some plans have been proposed, that will be laid before them at the time of Meeting a Report of their proceedings to be Sent to the Commander in Chief as soon as possible. The Commander in Chief Returns his Warmest thanks to Captn Lee and the Officers and men in his troop for the victory which by their superior Bravery and address they gain'd over part of the Enemies Dragoons who trusting in their numbers and Concealing their march by a Circoutous rout Attempting to Surprise them in their Quarters, he has the Satisfaction of Informing the Army that Captn Lee's vigilance Baffled the Enemies designs That by judiciously posting his men in his Qrs Tho he had not a Sufficient number

to post one to each Window he obliged the party Consisting of 200 Dragoons disgracefully to retire after repeated and fruitless attempts to force their way into the House Leaving two Killed and four wounded without receiving any other damage on his part than having his Lieut.ˡ Mr. Lindsay slightly wounded unless any of his out patrolles should be Unfortunately Wounded and taken which is not known.— The Gen.ˡ positively forbids the Burning of the farmers Fences and Enjoins upon all Officers to Use their utmost endeavour to prevent it and bring to Severe punishment all that those (*sic*) that shall Offend therein.— A Gen.ˡ Court Martial whereof Col.ᵒ Craig was President to sit tomorrow at the Presidents Markie at 9 oClock To try such Prisoners as Shall be brought before them belonging to L.ᵈ Stirlings and Gen.ˡ Wayne's Divisions Major Church a Capt.ᵃ and two Subaltern Officers from each Brigade in those Divisions will complete the Court. The Commander in Chief is Informed That Capt.ᵃ Lee and L.ᵗ Lindsay had but a Corp.ˡ and four men to Assist them in the manly opposition to the British Light Horse Maj.ʳ Jameson was accidently there and justly merits share of the praises due to this brave little party.

Gen.ˡ Patterson is kind enough to undertake the Superintence of the fortification of the Left Wing all the Men not on duty in the respective Brigades in this Wing are to parade

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every morning at 9 oClock to be employed in the fortification of the Camp under the Gen.l Directions each Brigade is to furnish a field Officer to Command the Fatigue parties All Officers not upon Duty under the Com.d of a Field Officer are to turn out with their Men— His Excellency the Commander in Chief desires the Officers to Exert themselves to put the Camp in a defenceless a Condition (*sic*) as possible as soon as may be.

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Head Quarters V: F: January 21.st 1778.

Major Gen.l tomorrow . . . . . DEKALB
Brigadier . . . . . SCOTT
Field Officers . L.t COL.o MILLIN. MAJOR WINSLOW
B: M: . . . . . BERRYAN

THE Commander in Chief approves the Report made by the Brigadiers & Officers Commanding Brigades in the Virg.a line and orders that the men whose time of Service is Expired be discharged and march'd home by proper Officers on the manner there Directed. The Brigadiers &.c are also to See that the Arms and Accoutrements of Such men are return'd in the first Instance to themselves in order that the Arms and discharges may Correspond and by them to the Commissary of Military Stores whose receipts is to be taken for what is delivered all Blankets are to be stoped and other Articles Belonging to the publick the Briga-

diers &c. will Cause proper Care to be taken of the first and see that the Latter is Delivered into the hands of the Q M Gen! and other proper officers. Notwithstanding the pointed and frequent Orders which have been Issued to have all Deserters Reported at Head Quarters, it is by indirect and Casual Information that this knowledge comes to the Gen! Except in the Gen! Returns which are exceeding irregular He therefore in proemtory Terms now calls upon the Brigadiers to see or know that the Several Rolls of their Reg.ts are call'd Over agreeable to former Orders and that all Deserters specifying the Reg.ts and Com.ys they belong to are reported by them to the Major Gen! of the day who is to present the whole in one View to the Commander in Chief when he comes from his tour of duty — The Brigadiers are also requested to use every possible means to apprehend Deserters of their respective Brigades. This order will not be dispenced with — The Gen! does also in positive terms, Declares that he will have the Gen! Returns of the Army, Delivered into him every Monday at Orderly time — The Adjud! Gen! is therefore to pay peculiar attention to this matter Considering himself responsable for the performance Unless he Arrests every delinquent who causes the Failure. In the next Mondays Returns the Off.rs in the Virg.a line are to assertain the number of Men whose time of Service will Expire shortly —

It being imposible for the Surg.ᵗ of the Flying Hospitals to make effectual provision for the Sick out of Camp Unless they are sent to the places by them appointed and furnished for the purpose All Officers and Regimental Surgeons, when any of their Core (*sic*) are proper subjects for the Hospital are therefore Immediately to apply to the chief Surgeon of the Flying Hospitals present in Camp and take his direction where to Send the Sick, A Contrary practice have been attended with great Inconveniency and probably Occasions the Death of many men, many has been sent to the Hosp.ˡ already Crowded with Patients or to places where no provisions have been made for the Sick and in order that the sick which shall from time to time remain in Camp as well as others before they are sent to the Hosp.ˡˢ may be properly taken care of, The Director Gen.ˡ of Hosp.ˡˢ is as soon as possible to furnish the R Mental Surgeons with Medicine Chests supplyed with such Medicine as are necessary for the Sick in Camp. When flags go to enemies Lines All Officers positively are forbidden to go with them unless they receive proper order therefore. At a Gen.ˡ Court Martial whereof Col.ᵒ Clerk was President held Jan.ʸ 19.ᵗʰ L.ᵗ M.ᶜ Gibbeney of the 4.ᵗʰ Carolina Regiment Tried for Embezzeling or misaplying the Money which he was intrusted with for enlisting men into the service also for taking bribes to discharge Inlisted Soldiers from the Service was unanimously

Acquitted of the Charge— At the same Court Jany 15th Captn Joshua Brown of Col^{o} Biggalous Reg^{t} tried for suffering two prisoners to make their escape from the Provost Guard was unanimously Acquitted of the Charge alledged against him— The Commander in Chief approves the Sentence and orders them to be released from their arrest—

Head Quarters V: F: January 23^{d} 1778.

Major Genl tomorrow . . . . . LORD STIRLING
Brigadier . . . . . HUNTINGTON
Field Officers . . COL^{o} BIGGALOW. MAJOR HAWS
B: M^{r} . . . . . CLAYBORNE

THE Genl Officers and Officers Commanding Brigades will meet tomorrow morning at 10: oClock at Genl Sullivan's Q^{rs} For the purpose mentioned in Genl Orders of the 20th Instant— Serj^{t} How is appointed Provost Martial, Pro: Tempore. in the room of Captn Shagg who has resign'd. The Brigadiers and Officers Commanding Brigades are immediately to make returns of the Deficiency of Bayonets in their Brigades to the Adjud^{t} Genl Several Farmers have complained notwithstanding the Certificates Granted by the Com^{y} Genl of Forrage of their having furnished their Quotos of Forrage Assigned them further demands have been made upon them so as to deprive them of what was preserved for the use of their own families, The General strictly prohibits such unjust proceedings and desires that more re-

spect be paid to the F: M: Gen! Certificates in future, At a Gen! Court Martial whereof Col? Clerk was president held Jan? 20th L: Col? Linley and Major Bailey Tried for Non Attendance on the Grand parade in proper time The former when Field Officer and latter when Brigade Major of the day, found guilty of the Charge Exhibited against them, being a Breach of the 5th Article & 18th Sect: of the Articles of war and sentenced to be reprimanded in Gen! orders — The Gen! approves the foregoing Sentence and is surprised that he is under the disagreeable Necessity of reprimanding Officers for their Breach of duty so well known and which ought to be perform'd with the greatest punctuality and as exact discipline and the strictest obedience to orders is the Soul of an Army and the foundation of success whilst the contrary may be productive of the most fatal consequences, He flatters himself that every Officer as in honour and duty bound will be Emulous to pay the strictest attention to orders and prove exemplary to the Soldiery.

B: O: Returns to be made to the Brigadier of the Men in the Virg? Regts whose time of Service is expired at this or as it may hereafter Those Returns must be certified by the Officers who recruited them if they are in Camp or the Soldiers must produce a Certificate. The Paymasters are ordered to procure the men their

wages and pay them up to the day of their dismission, No one to be discharged but by the Brigadier or Officer Commanding the Brigade— The men will be discharged in squads of 20 or 25 and marched in an orderly manner to their State by a Commiss.d Officer — The distress for Blankets makes it necessary to retain those the Soldiers have who is then discharged, This the Brigadier hopes will be readily complyed with By the men who are going home in order to afford more Comfort to their Brother Soldiers who keep the Field, the Commanding Officers of Regts. are therefore directed to Stop all the Blankets, and as the squads will not consist of more than 20, or 25 men The Officer who marches them home can never be at a Loss for Quarters or Shelter them from the weather.

Those Returns given in by the Surgeons to the Brigadier are to Include all who may fall sick from one return to another and to be signed by the Commanding Officer of the Regt. before given in. Lt. Stokes of the 6th. Virg.a Regt. is App.d Judge Advocate for the Brigade to be exempted from the Common Duties and is to be Respected as Such.

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Head Quarters V: F: January 24th 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . MARQUIS DE LA FAYETTE
Brigadier . . . . . POOR
Field Officers . . LT. COL. BONNER. MAJR. STUBBLEFIELD
B: M: . . . . . Mc. CORMICK

THREE Days Provisions to be Issued to the Troops on Mondays and Thursdays till further orders.

The Taylors of each Regt. to be excused from other Duty and to be imploy'd in making up the Cloaths for their respective Regts.

Head Quarters V: F: January 25th 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . B: DE KALB
Brigadier . . . . . PATTERSON
Field Officers . . . COL. BECKER. MAJOR PORTER
B: M: . . . . . Mc. GOWAN

NO Officer is Subject to be try'd by a Brigade or Division Court Martial unless he Consent thereto which is to be noted in the proceedings of the Court Martial. As it is necessary that the Muster Rolls should be accurately made in one form the Officers are to make them out agreeable to the forms given them for that purpose by the mustering Officers.— At a Brigade Court Martial whereof Lt. Col. Ballard was president Jany. 10th. Capt. Zane of the 13th. Virga. Regt. try'd for acting in a Cowardly manner when sent on a scouting party 12th. Decr. last By ordering his men to retreat when

he had a considerable Advantage over the Enemy found guilty and sentenced to be discharged from the Service — The Commander in Chief approves the Sentence and orders it to take place immediately

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January 26th 1778. B: O:

The Officers Commanding Regiments are to examine their mens Arms and Ammunition and to have all their Cartridge Boxes fill'd with Cartridges this Night, which must always be kept compleate, The Qr Masters will at all times have ready a Sufficient number of good Cartridges to compleate every man in the Brigade with fourty rounds this order to be attended to Immediately — The Racks for holding Provender are once more ordered to be set up without further Delay.

Head Quarters V: F: January 26th 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . GREEN
Brigadier . . . . . Mc INTOSH
Field Offr . . . Lt Colo GRAY. Majr BRADDISH
B: M: . . . . . Mc CLURE

A BOARD of Genl Officers having recommended that a Sutler be appointed to each Brigade whose Liquors shall be inspected by two Officers Appointed by the Brigadier for that purpose and those Liquors sold under those restrictions as shall be thought reasonable the Commander in Chief is pleased to approve

the above Recommendation and to order that such Brigade Sutlers be appd and Liquors sold at the following prices and under the following Regulations Peach Brandy by the Quart 7/6 by the pint 4/. By the Jill 1/3 Whisky and apple Brandy 6/. p quart 3/6 p pint and 1/ p jill Cyder 1/3 p quart Strong Beer 2/6 p quart Common Beer 1/ p quart Vinegar 2/6 p quart any Sutler who shall be convicted before a Brigade Court Martial of having demanded more than the above rates or of having adulterated his Liquors or made use of Deficient Measures shall forfeit any Quantity of his Liquors not Exceeding Thirty Gallⁿ or the value thereof at the foregoing rates, The fourth part of the Liquors or the value thereof so forfeited to be applied to the Informer and the Remainder of the Liquor to be put into the hands of the person Appointed by the Brigadier who shall deliver it out to the Non Comissd and privates of the Brigades at one Jill p man p day, If Money to be laid out in Liquors or Necessaries for the N: Comissiond Officers & privates of the Brigade and distributed in due and equal proportions, The Brigade Sutler is also at Liberty to Sell leaf Tobo at 4/ p lb. Pigg Tail 7/6 p lbⁿ and hard soap 2/6 p lbⁿ But no other Articles rated for the publick Market shall be sold By him or any person acting Under him on any pretence whatever.

Lt Shuggart of the German Battalion tryed by a Brigade Court Martial for Challenging

L.t Lautermilk of the Same Battalion is found guilty of 7.th Sect.n of war, and therefore sentenced to be Cashier'd — The Commander in Chief approves the Sentence but in Consideration of the recommendation of the Court is pleased again to restore him again to his Rank hoping at the same time that his Lenity on this and some other particular Instances will not be construed into his giving Countenance to a practice not only directly repugnant to our own Articles of war but discouraged by all Military Nations as Abhorsive of good order Discipline and Harmony.

January 27.th 1778. B: O:

A Court of Enquiry to Sit tomorrow morning at 10 ?Clock to inquire into the Conduct of L.t Terry and L.t Epps of the 14.th Virg.a Regiment, Major Hopkins is appointed President of this Court, one Capt.n from 10.th and one from 14.th and one Lieut.t from the 2.d and one ditto from the 6.th and one from the 10.th And one from the 14.th will Compose the members of the Court — The Brigadier earnestly requests that the Officers Commanding Regiments will not fail to turn out those men dayly who are not on duty, that the Fortifications on the Left wing may be compleated as Soon as possible.

Head Quarters V: F: January 27th 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . LORD STIRLING
Brigadier . . . . . MAXWELL
Field officers . . LT COLO SHEARMAN. MAJR THAIR
B: M: . . . . . BAILEY

THOSE persons who have any Articles to Send in to our Prisoners into Philadelphia are to leave them with the Commissary of Prisoners next Friday Evening— Paper to be Issued by the Q M: Genl tomorrow in the following proportion Two Quires to each Brigadier or Officer Commanding Brigades one to each Brigr Major and one to each Regt Ammunition to be drawn immediately to Compleate the Troops to forty rounds p man which is to be deposited Into the hands of the Brigade Qr Master to be ready when call'd for.

Head Quarters V: F: January 28th 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . B: DE KALB
Brigadier . . . . . WEEDON
Field Officers . LT COLO HARWEY. MAJR HOPKINS
B: M: . . . . . MC CLINTICK

AS there has been an extraordinary and unaccountable Waste of Ammunition in many of the Brigades, as soon as the Brigades are Compleated therewith agreeable to yesterdays orders the Commander in Chief positively orders the Colls or Officers Commanding Regts are to see that an Officer in each Corps Carefully examine their mens Ammunition every day

at roll Call in the morning and severely punish any soldier who shall carelessly waste a single Cartridge— At a Genl Court Martial of which Major Church was Presidt held Janr 26th Wm Mc Intire a Soldier in the seventh Penss Battalion Tried for robbing a load of wheat &c from one of Colo Spencers Waggoners found guilty of a Breach of the 5th Art: of 18 Sect: of the Articles of War and sentenced to receive 30 lashes on his bare back well laid on at the head of his own Regiment At the same Court Wm Dearlove of the 4th Penss Battalion tried for stealing money from Fredk Buzzard found guilty and Sentenced to receive 100 Lashes well laid on upon his bare back. The Comr in Chief approves the foregoing Sentences and orders them to be put in Execution Tomorrow morning at roll call at the head of the Regt to which they belong. At a Genl Court Martial whereof Colo Clerk was President held Janr 22d Thomas Scott who acted in the Character of a Waggon Master tried for taking forrage Contrary to General Orders of the 31st Decr last Acquitted of the Charge The Genl approving the Sentence and orders him to be released immediately, At the same Court Stephen Rice of the 8th Virgs Regt tried for plundering the Inhabitants of the Country found guilty Being a Breach of the 15th Article 13th Sect: of the articles of war and sentenced to receive 100 Lashes on his bare back well laid on. At the same Court Joseph Tirn of the 3d Virgs Regt tried for

Desertion from the Provost Guard and taking a prisoner with him found Guilty of a Breach of 1st Article and 6th Sect: of the Articles of War and senteneed to receive 100 Lashes on his bare (*sic*) well laid on — At the same Court Robert Gest Drummer in Col: Lambs Regt of Artillery tried for attempting to desert to the Enemy found guilty but on Account of his Youth only sentenced to receive 50 Lashes on his bare back — At a Genl Court martial whereof Col: Clark was president January 23 Banjn Berry of Col: Halls Regt tried for attempting to desert to the enemy found guilty of the Charge and sentenced to receive 100 Lashes on his bare back well laid on — The Commander in Chief approves the foregoing sentences and orders them to be executed tomorrow morning at roll Call at the head of their Regts —

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The Report of the Court Martial whereof Lt Col: Ballard is President relative to the prisoners Commited by Genl Weedon for mutiney and desertion Cannot be approved off. The punishment ordered to be inflicted far exceeding what the Law Martial allows, The Court therefore is ordered to sit again immediately and to Confine the Measure of punishment to what the Law allows — The Commanding Officers of each Regt in Generals Weedons and Muhlenbergs Brigades are to appoint an orderly Officer to visit the sick of the Regt dailey and to report how they find

them also to examine the Condition of the Well, to give directions respecting their Cooking and cleaning their hutts, these reports to be made in writing to the Commanding Officer of the Regt. to be kept by him ready to be produced whenever called upon

Officer for tomorrow . . . . . Lt Keith

January 29th 1778. R: O:

Genl: Green's *orders*

At a Division Court Martial whereof Lt Colo Ballard was president held the 21st instant for the Tryal of prisoners Confin'd by Genl Weedon, The following Prisoners were tried Vizt Jeremiah Bride of the 2d Virga Regt Charged with Mutiny and desertion found guilty and sentenced to receive 100 Lashes on his bare back— Mary Johnson Charged with laying a plot to Desert to the Enemy found guilty and Sentenced to receive 100 Lashes and to be drum'd out of the Army by all the Drums and Fifes in the Division, Edward Driver of the 2d Virga Regt charged with Mutiny and Desertion found guilty and sentenced to be reprimanded by the Commanding Officer of the Division present when the Division is drawn up— The Genl approves the sentences and orders them to be put into execution this evening 4 oClock in front of the Division which is to be paraded for that purpose—

Thomas Pelton, Robert Edwards, Timothy Dreskill, Rich.d Johnson & William Cox of the 2.d Virg.a and Andrew Welsh of the 10.th Virg.a Charged with Mutiny and Desertion found guilty and Sentenced to receive 100 Lashes each — The Gen.l approves the Sentences but upon recommendation of the Court remits the punishment and orders that the prisoners be released from their Confinement. W.m M.c Intosh of the 2.d Virg.a Reg.t John Keyton of the 10.th Virg.a and Ann M.c Intosh charged with mutiny and desertion was acquitted by the Court of the Charge exhibited against them — The Gen.l approves the Sentences and orders them to be released from their Confinement — The Court Martial whereof L.t Col.o Ballard was president is disolved.

Head Quarters V: F: January 29.th 1778.

Major Gen.l tomorrow . . . . . GREEN
Brigadier . . . . . WOODFORD
Field Officers . . L.t Col.o HARMER. MAJ.r SILL
B: M: . . . . . LENARD

THE Commanding Officer of each Brigade is to appoint a Capt.n dailey to Visit the Sick of his Brigade in or near Camp, to examine whether they have proper attention paid them and are furnished with every thing their situation requires as far as circumstances will allow — Likewise an orderly Officer every day to inspect the Hutts to See whether cleanliness is observed

in the Soldiers Quarters and proper means taken to keep the roofs wheather proof. The Commissaries in future to Issue quart of Salt to every 100lb. fresh Beef.

Head Quarters V: F: January 30th 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . LORD STIRLING
Brigadier . . . . . SCOTT
Field Officers . . . . COLO NAGLE. MAJOR MOOR
Brigade Majr. . . . . . PATTERSON

AT a late Genl Court Martial whereof Major Church was President the 26th Instant Ensign Cook of 12th Pensa Regt tried for leaving his Guard before properly relieved it being an out Guard, Pleads Guilty of a breach of the 4th Article 13th Sec: of the Articles of war and unanimously sentenced to be Cashier'd with Infamy. The Commander in Chief aproves the Sentence and orders it to take place immediately — At a Genl Court Martial whereof Colo Clark was President the 23d Instant William Mc March of Capt Lee's compy of Artillery tried for Desertion and stealing a horse from Genl Mc Intosh acquitted of the Charge of Desertion but found guilty of the theft and Sentenced to receive 100 lashes on his bare back and have half his pay stop'd monthly from him till Genl Mc Intosh is fully satisfied. The Court on account of the Prisoner heretofore sustaining a good Character as a Good Soldier recommend's him to his Excellency's Clemency with respect to his Corporal punish-

ment, The Commander in Chief remits the stripes aproves the latter part of the Sentence & orders it to take place.

Head Quarters V: F: January 31st 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . BARON DE KALB
Brigadier . . . . . VERNUM
Field Officers . . . . COLO. VOSE. MAJOR WEST
Brigade Major . . . . . DEYE

B: O:

January 31st 1778.

In Consequence of Division Orders the 28th and Genl. orders the 29th the Surgeons need make no returns of the Sick as Directed in B: O: the 18th. Those Officers who will be daily appointed for that purpose are to make report to the Brigadiers of all the deficiencies that may appear to them in their tour

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February 1st 1778.

Several Necessaries having arrived from Virginia for the Officers and Soldiers belonging to that State and many more daily expected, The Gentlemen may now furnish themselves with Comfortable Cloathing. Officers Commanding Regts. will have returns made of the necessaries wanting to Compleat their men immediately the Shoes are kept at the black Bull.

Head Quarters V: F: February 1st 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . GREEN
Brigadier . . . . . HUNTINGTON
Field Offrs . . COLo BRADFORD. MAJOR TALBOT
B: M: . . . . . ALDEN

THE Brigade Quarter Mastrs are to call on the Assistant Q: M: Genl Officer tomorrow morning at 10 o'Clock for their proportion of 320. Camp Kettles.

IN CONGRESS June 10th 1777.

RESOLVED That the Commissy Genl of purchaces and Issues and their respective deputies for neglect of Duty or other offences in their respective Offices shall be subject to Military Arrests and trial by order of the Commander in Chief or any Genl Officer Commanding a Division in the Army, Post or Department, where such neglect of duty or Offences may happen and their respective Assistants of the D: C: Genl of purchases and Issues shall for the same causes be liable to Military Arrests as Commissd Officers in the Army by any Genl Officer or any Officer Commandg at a Detach'd Post to which Such Assistant may be Assigned.

The Genl Directs that due attention be paid to the above Resolve — The Genl Court Martial whereof Colo Clark is President is hereby Disolv'd.

Head Quarters V: F: February 2d. 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . LORD STIRLING
Brigadier . . . . . POOR
Field Offrs . . LT COLO BUFORD MAJOR FENEW
B: M: . . . . . MARVIN

A GENERAL Court Martial whereof Colo Wigglesworth is appointed President is to sit tomorrow morning 9 o'Clock at the Bakehouse a Capt.n from each Brigade to attend as Members — The broken and worn out Axes are to be collected and delivered to the Brigade Qr Mr They are to deliver them to the Assist. Qr Mr Genl at the Genls Office who will give them new ones in Exchange.

Head Quarters V: F: February 3d. 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . B: DEKALB
Brigadier . . . . . PATTERSON
Field Officers . . LT COLO DAVIS & MAJOR PETERS
B: M: . . . . . BERRYAN

A REPORT having circulated that Mr Jones D C: Gen. of Issues had granted a pass to a Woman to carry 30lb Butter into Philadelphia, The matter has been fully inquired into and appears to be without foundation.

Head Quarters V: F: February 4th 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . GREEN
Brigadier . . . . . WAYNE
Field Offrs . . . COLO PATTEN. MAJOR WINSLOW
B: M: . . . . . MINNIS

AT a Genl Court Martial whereof Colo Clark was president the 21st instant Charles Smith Soldier in the 1st Jersey Regt tried for desertion and inlisting again as a Substitute Acquitted — The Genl approves the Sentence and orders him to be immediately released — The most pernicious consequences having arisen from Suffering Persons (Women in particular) to pass and repass from Philadelphia to Camp under a pretence, of coming out to visit their friends in the Army and returning with necessaries to their families, but realy with an intent to entice the soldiers to Desert, All Officers are desired to use their utmost endeavours to prevent Such interviews in future by forbidding the Soldiers under the severest penalties from having any comunication with such persons and by ordering them when found in Camp to be immediately turned out of it, — if any of them appear under peculiar circumstances of Suspicion they are to be brought to immediate trial and punishment if found guilty.

February 5th 1778. B: O:

One Captn from 14th Virgs Regt to attend immediately at the Genl Court Martial as a

member in the room of Capt.ⁿ Calmes who is unwell. Those men Confined by the Gen.l in the Provost and sentenced by a Gen.l Court Martial will be brought down this day the whole Brigade to be paraded at 4 o'Clock this afternoon to attend the punishment.

Head Quarters V: F: February 5.th 1778.

Major Gen.l tomorrow . . . . . LORD STIRLING
Brigadier . . . . . Mc INTOSH
Field Officers . . Lt. COLo. BEGNIER. MAJOR GILMAN
B: M: . . . . . CLAIBORNE

IN CONGRESS, June 10.th 1777.

RESOLVED That for the future the Q.r M.r or other person drawing provision for any Reg.t Corps or Detachment shall on the last day of every month make out an abstract of the number of retain'd Rations due to each Off.r respectively, and also the number of each part of a ration due to each Reg.t Corps or Detachm.t and deliver the Same to their respective Issuing Commissary, who shall compare it with his books, and finding it right shall certify thereon, that the Several Charges thereon are just, and that such a Sum as he shall find to be due, should be paid to the respective Paymaster of the Reg.t Corps on Detachment who shall annex the said Abstract, to the Pay roll that the Paymaster or Deputy P: M.r: Gen.l of the district may pay, and he is hereby required to pay such Ration Abstract to the Regimental Paymaster who is directed to pay

the respective Officers and Soldiers, and take their receipts, and when any Regt Corp or Detachment or Issuing Commissary is ordered to leave a post before the end of the month; the Ration abstract shall be made up to the time of his or their leaving his Post and Certifyed by the Comr as aforesaid. It is expected that due attention be paid to the foregoing Resolve, and no abstracts for retain'd rations, or back allowance be received or deemed valid unless Certifyed as Specifyed therein.

Head Quarters V: F: February 6th 1778.

Major Gen! tomorrow . . . . BARON DE KALB
Brigadier . . . . . MAXWELL
Field Offrs . . LT COL° BASSETT. MAJOR CONWAY
B: M: . . . . . Mc CORMICK

AT a Gen! Court Martial whereof Col° Clark was Presidt Janr 27th Lt William Williams of the 13th Virgs Regt Tried for repeatedly behaving Unbecoming the Character of an Officer and a Gentleman 1st In buying a pair of Continental shoes from a Soldier and thereby rendering the Soldier unfit for Service 2d for Messing and frequently sleeping with the Soldiers taking their bread and not returning it by which the soldiers suffered for Hunger Acquitted of the Charge of Taking the soldiers Bread But found guilty of not behaving in the Character of an Officer or Gentn and buing a pair of Continental Shoes from a Soldier and frequently Messing and sleeping

with the Soldiers Being a Breach of the 21st Artl Sectn 14th of the Articles of War and Sentenced to be discharged from the service. His Excellency the Comr in Chief approves the Sentence and orders it to take place immediately

Head Quarters V: F: February 7th 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . GREEN
Brigadier . . . . . WEEDON
Field Offrs . Lt Colo BARBER. MAJOR BURKHARD
B: M: . . . . . Mc GOWEN

THE Brigade Majors of the day in future take the names of the Officers who mount Guard, the names of the Guards they are appointed to Comd and the Brigade to which they belong, likewise the names of the serjeants who are to attend as orderly at the Adjudt Genls Quarters and their respective Regt who are regularly to be brought on the parade at Guard mounting, Those names to be delivered to the Adjudt Genl at orderly time.

Head Quarters V: F: February 8th 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . LORD STIRLING
Brigadier . . . . . WOODFORD
Field Offrs . . . Colo WEBB. Lt Colo RAY
B: M: . . . . . PASKILL

THE Genl Officers are requested to meet at 10 o'Clock tomorrow morning at General Vernum's Quarters to take into Consideration the property (*sic*) of altering the present Rations — The

Comissary Gen! proposes that instead of the ration heretofore Issued there should be Issued a pound and a half of flouer one lb Beef or ¾ Salt pork and a certain Quantity of Spirits M! Blaine will attend this meeting. Officers who are desirous of takeing Commissions in the Companies of Sappirs under the Command of Brigad! Gen! Deportail and possesses the necessary Qualifications, such as knowledge practical Geometry and drawing will give in their names at the Adjud! Gen! Quarters. 3 Capt.ª 3.1st L! 3. 2d are wanting.

In future the Reveille to Beat at day Break the Troop at 8 in the morning the retreat at Sun Set & Tattoo at 9 in the Evening to render this duty uniform, The Drummers Call to Beat at the right of the first line and answered throughout that Line, then through the second and Corps of Artillery beginning at the left, The reserve shall follow the second Line immediately upon this three Rolls to begin and run through in like manner as the Call, Then all the Drums of the Army at the Heads of their Respective Corps shall go through the regular Beats Ceasing upon the right which will be a sign for the whole to Cease.

At a Gen! Court Martial whereof Col.º Proctor was President held Feb.ʳ 5th Lieut! Guy of Col.º Lambs Reg! of Artillery, Tried for absenting himself from Camp without Leave being guilty of theft and other behaviour unbecoming the Character of a Gent.ª and an

Officer found guilty of unGentleman Unofficer like behaviour in absenting himself from Camp without Leave Associating himself with a private Soldier, Robery and Infamously stealing Unanimously sentenced to have his sword broke over his Head on the grand parade at Guard mounting that he be discharged from the Regt. and rendered incapable of serving any more as an Officer in the Army and that it be deemed a crime of the blackest die In Officers or even soldiers to Associate with him after the Execution of this just and mild punishment His Excellcy. The Comr. in Chief approves the sentence and orders it to take place tomorrow morning at Guard mounting. At a General Court Martial whereof Colo. Clark was President. Thos. Butler an Inhabitant of the State of Pensylvania tried for attempting to Carry flour into Philadelphia found guilty of the Charge, being a breach of a resolve of Congress 8th. Octr. 1777. extended by another resolution made for Cutting off all Communication of Supplies or Intelligence to the Enemy's Army and sentenced to receive 250 Lashes on his bare back. At the same Court Thos. Ryan an Inhabitant of the State of Pensylvania tried for being taken the night of the 13th. Jany. last in Compy with Thos. Butler with 8 Qrs. of Mutton and a Bull Beef on his way into Philadelphia found guilty of the Charge being a breach of the resolution of Congress above mentioned and sentenced to pay the Sum of £50 and to be confin'd

in the Provost Guard house 'till that Sum is paid to the Adjud.t Gen.l to be applied for the use of the sick in Camp —

At the same Court the 23 Ult.o W.m Maddock Inhabitant of the State of Pensylvania tried for attempting to Drive Cattle into Philad.a found guilty of the Charge being a breach of the resolution of Congress afore mentioned and sentenced to pay the Sum of 100 Pounds to be Confined in the Provost Guard untill that sum is paid in the manner aforesaid. At the Same Court the 26.th Ult.o Joseph Edwards an Inhabitant of the State of Pensylvania for attempting to drive Cattle into the Enemy found guilty of the Charge and sentenced to pay the Sum of £100 and to be confined in the provost untill that Sum is paid to the Adjud.t Gen.l out of which 20 dollars shall be paid to each of the Light horsemen who apprehended the prisoner as an encouragement of their activity and good Conduct and the residue of the Sum to be applied for the use of the Sick in Camp — At a Gen.l Court Martial whereof Colonel Wigglesworth was Presid.t Feb.y. 4.th Philip Kirk tried for supplying the Enemy with Cattle Found Guilty and Sentenced to be Confin'd in some Goal in Pensylvania during the Enemies Staying and both his real and personal Estate betaken from him for the Use of the United States of America. — At the Same Court John Williamson tried for supplying the Enemy with Cattle found Guilty of the charge and sen-

tenced to receive 250 Lashes on his bare back well laid on —
At the Same Court David Dunn tryed for supplying the enemy with Cattle found guilty and Sentenced to receive 200 Lashes on his bare back well laid on — At the Same Court James Brown tried for communication with the City of Philadelphia Acquitted — At the Same Court Jacob Gibbons tried for selling sheep to a Butcher in Philad.ª Acquitted Also Daniel Williamson tried for attempting to take a number of Sheep into Philad.ª found guilty and Sentenced to receive 200 Lashes. —

The Commander in Chief approves the foregoing Sentences as far as relate to Corp.l Punishment and Imprisonment, but remits the remainder being of opinion that Confiscation of property is a matter not cognizable by Martial Law the Sentence of whipping to be put in execution tomorrow morning on the Grand parade at Guard mounting. A Surgeon from Gen.l Patterson's Brigade to attend and See that the Criminals do not receive more stripes than their strength will bear — Tomorrow being the Day appointed for opening the Market at the Stone Chimney Pickett, the Army is desired to take notice of the same. Marckets will be held at the same place every monday and Thursday on the East side of Schuilkill, Near the North Bridge every Tuesday and Friday near the Adjud.t Gen.ls Office Every Wednesday and Saturday.
Certain prices having been fixed to the several

Articles mentioned in the hand bill By the Board of Genl. Officers the same are to be strictly attended to printed Hand Bills with the Regulations at large will be delivered by the Adjudt. General to the Brigadiers and Officers Commanding Brigades who are desired to See that the same may be read at the hd. of each Regt. in the Brigade and Endeavour to Convince the Officers & Soldiers of the necessity and expediency of observing the same punctuality. As a proper person for a Clerk of the Market is not yet appointed the Officer Commanding the Piquett at the Stone Chimney is desired to see the Regulations of the observed he is also desired to distribute the Handbills amongst the market people who attend it is expected that the number will be but few Tomorrow as the Notice is not had sufficient time to Circulate through the Country.

Head Quarters V: F: February 9th 1778. *B: O:*

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . B: De Kalb
Brigadier . . . . . Scott
Field Offrs . . . Colo Biggalow. Majr Haws
B: M: . . . . . Bailey
For Detachment . . . . . Colo Levingston,
Lt Colo Bonner, Majr Taylor

A COURT of enquiry to Set immediately on the Conduct of Ensign Hudson of the 6th Virgs Regt. Lt Colo Parker is appointed President one Lt. from 2d one from 10th two from 6th and 2 from 14th Regts Members The Court to Sit at the Presidents Quarters.

Head Quarters V: F: February 10th 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . .
Brigadier . . . . . .
Field Officers . . .
B: Major . . . . . .

THE Regimental Paymasters who have not yet received the pay of their Respective Regiments for the month of Novr. last to Call on the Paymaster Genl. tomorrow morning and receive the Same. The Meeting of the Genl. Officers mention'd in orders of the 8th. Instant is pospouned till tomorrow morning 10 °Clock when it is desired they will attend at the place therein mentioned — Mr. Joseph Ogden is Appd. Clerk of the Market & is to be Respected as Such — The Commissary Genl. will Issue a Jill of rum or whiskey P man for the Troops Tomorrow. —

In Case any Field Officer Ordered on Duty shall not be able to attend he will Notifie the Brigade Major of the Brigade to which he belongs thereof Immediately who is to Appoint another of the same Brigade in his stead but if there be no other fit for Duty to relieve him Notice thereof to be sent to the Adjudt. Genl. as Soon as possible that another may be appd. in his room.

B: O:

February 11th 1778. —

A Brigade Genl. Court Martial to sit at 10 o'Clock for trial of Ensign Hudson of the 6th. Virgs. Regt. Major Hopkins is appd. Presi-

dent of this Court— Two Lieut.ˢ from the 2.ᵈ Two from the 6.ᵗʰ Four from the 10.ᵗʰ Three from the 14.ᵗʰ & one from the 13.ᵗʰ Pens.ᵃ Members The Court to Sit at the Presidents Quarters all Evidences to attend.

Head Quarters V: F: February 11.ᵗʰ 1778.

Major Gen.ˡ tomorrow . . . . . LORD STIRLING
Brigadier . . . . . HUNTINGTON
Field Off.ʳˢ . . L.ᵗ COL.º BUFORD. MAJOR VERNUM
B: M: . . . . . LENARD

A REPRESENTATION having been made by the Capt.ⁿ in the Pens.ᵃ Line against the promotion of Michael Ryan Esq.ʳ to the Majority of a Regiment as irregular he is suspended from doing duty in that rank 'till the matter can be adjusted by a proper Board of Officers— At a Division Court martial whereof L.ᵗ Col.º Sprout was President Feb.ʳʸ 9.ᵗʰ Capt.ⁿ Israel Davis of Col.º Wigglesworth Reg.ᵗ tried for fraudulently detaining two months pay drawn by him belonging to Giles Tibbits a soldier to the great Damage of s.ᵈ Soldier 2.ᵈ for Detaining a Sum of money about the value of 60£ Masschusets Currency the property of 5 Soldiers being money due to them as a hire from the Town, of Newberry, Acquitted of the first part of the charge but found guilty of the Second Being a breach of the 4.ᵗʰ Article & 12.ᵗʰ Sect.ⁿ of the Articles of War and Sentenced to be Cashiered and to Refund the Money To Thomas & William Clark to each

£15—To Hollis Hutchings, Reuben Kinkale and Benjamin Fletcher to each £10— and that his pay be stop'd to make good those Sums.

The Commander in Chief approves the Sentence and orders it to take place immediately.

Head Quarters V: F: February 12th 1778.

Major Genl tomorrow . . . . . B: De Kalb
Brigadier . . . . . Patterson
Field Offrs . . . Lt Colo Ray & Major Cabbel
Brigade Majr . . . . . Patterson

AT a Genl Court Martial whereof Colo Wigglesworth was Presidt Febr 6th Capt. Zane tried upon appeal to a Genl Court Martial for acting in a Cowardly manner when Sent with a scouting party on the 13th of Decr last in ordering his men to retreat when he had considerable advantage over the enemy again found guilty of the Charge being a breach of the 13th article 13th Sect. of the Articles of War and Sentenced to be discharged from the service

At the same Court Lt Richard Whitbee tried upon appeal for acting in an ungentleman like manner and incouraging theft in the Army, Acquitted, The Commander in Chief approves the sentence and orders that Capt. Zane be immediately discharged from the service and Lt Whitbee Released from his arrest

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B: O:

February 12th 1778.

At a Brigade Genl Court Martial whereof Major Hopkins was President, Ensign Hud-

son of 6th Va Regt tried for emblezzeling the Effects of a Dead Soldier and theft was by the Unanimous opinion of the Court Acquitted of the Charge against him — The Genl approves the Sentence and orders Ensign Hudson to be released from his arrest imediatly

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Head Quarters V: F: February 13th 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . Lord Stirling
Brigadier . . . . . Mc Intosh
Field Officers . . . Major Hopkins & Major Sill
B: M: . . . . . Stagg

Head Quarters V: F: February 14th 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . De Kalb
Brigadier . . . . . Maxwell
Field Officers . Lt Colo Brewster & Major Moore
B: M: . . . . . Day

February 14th 1778. *B: O:*

The Court of Enquiry that sat on the Conduct of Lt Epps and Lt Terry having found nothing against them they therefore stand acquitted of the Charge and are directed to do duty in the Line.

February 15th 1778. *B: O:*

A Brigade Genl Court martial to Sit this day at 12th o'Clock for the Trial of Lt Broadwater Lt Coffer & Lieut Rust of the 10th Virgs Regt Lt Colo Buford is Appointed Presidt of this Court — The Court is to sit at the Presidents Quarters, All witnesses to attend

Head Quarters V: F: February 15th 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . LORD STIRLING
Brigadier . . . . . WOODFORD
Field Offrs. . . LT COLO HARLEY. MAJOR HILL
B: M: . . . . . JOHNSTON

AS the publick teams are now imployed and the troops are now in want of Straw, the Commander in Chief orders that they should be furnished with every necessary that will make them comfortable, desires the Brigadiers and Officers Commanding Brigades each to send out a sufficient party properly Officered to procure Straw, and impress Waggons to hall it to camp where they will deliver it to their respective Brigade Quartr Masters who are to make a just distribution to their Several Regiments according to the number at present. The Genl Officers are desired to meet at Genl Sullivan's Quarters tomorrow morning 10. o'Clock to take into Consideration and determine upon the memorial of the Captns of the Penss Line against the Promotion of Michael Ryan Esqr to the Majority of the Regt & to settle the Rank of Captn Grears — Pay rolls immediately to be made out for the month extraordinary pay mentioned in order of 3d January last given as a reward to the virtuous patience and the Zeal of the troops under their present inconvenient situation to comprehend all Officers and men in the 29 of last December, the time the resolution was past and Such as may have since

Join'd the Army to the date of the pay rols, this however is not meant to be final — or to exclude those who hereafter may assert a reasonable Claim to the benefit of the resolve — Difficulties having arisen as to the Construction of it which have been submitted to Congress, and it is not to be doubted they will give a liberal Explanation.

Head Quarters V: F: February 16th 1778

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . LORD STIRLING
Brigadier . . . . . SCOTT
Field Offrs COLO BROADWATER. LT COLO SPROUT
B: M:. . . . . OGDEN

Head Quarters V: F: February 17th 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . LORD STIRLING
Brigadier . . . . . VERNUM
Field Offrs LT COLO WEYSENFELS. MAJOR TALBOTT
B: M: . . . . . MARVIN

AT a Division Court Martial whereof Lt Colo Sprout was president Febr 13th 1778. Lt Austin Alden of Colo Brewers Regt tried for behaving in many Instances unbecoming the Character of an Officer or a Gentleman 1st in taking Jack Browns Allowance of Whiskey drinking it and then refusing to pay for it 2d in Messing frequently drinking and sleeping with the Soldiers 3dly In writing Petitions for the Soldiers and taking pay for the Same — Unanimously found guilty of the whole of the Charges and sentenced to be discharged from the Service —

The Commander in Chief approves the Sentence and orders him immediately to leave Camp, and his Commission to be taken from him by the Commanding Officer of the Regt.

Head Quarters V: F: February 18th 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . LORD STIRLING
Brigadier . . . . . HUNTINGTON
Field Offrs . . Lt Colo LINLEY. MAJOR MULLIN
B: M: . . . . . MINNISS

AT a Brigade Court Martial whereof Lt Colo Buford was presidt Febr. 16th Lt John Rust of the 10th Virgt Regt tried at the request of Lieut Broadwater for abusively agravating him the said Broadwater to strike him for getting drunk and playing Cards and Beating Captn Laird on the Sabbath Day whilst the said Captn Laird was under an arrest being a breach of the 21st Article 14th Sectn of the Articles of war, also a breach of Genl Orders and Sentenced to be discharged from the service, but as Lt Rust has formerly borne the Character of a good Officer, The Court are pleased to recommend him to the Consideration of his Excellency to have him reinstated in his rank. The Commander in Chief approves the sentence is concern'd he cannot Reinstate Lt Rust in Compliance of the recommendation of the Court founded upon his former good Character as an Officer his Behaviour in the several instances alledged to be so flagrant and scandalous that the General thinks his Continu-

ance in the Service would be disagreeable to it — And as one part of his Charge against him was gaming, that alone would exclude him from all Indulgence — the Vice is so pernicious a nature that it never will escape the severest punishments with his approbation The orders of yesterday with respect to the late L.t Austin Alden's Commission being taken from him is meant to be applied in all Cases where Officers are — Cashiered or discharged from the Service by Sentence of a Court Martial. The Gen.l Officers are desired to meet at Gen.l Sullivan's Q.rs Tomorrow morning at 10 o'Clock for the same purpose as requested in orders the 15.th Instant, The Captains in the Pens.a Line who presented the memorial therein mentioned likewise the Majors who have been promoted in that Line since the Commencement of the year 1777 are desired to give their attendance at the time and place mentioned.

A Return of those men who have not had the small pox in the Brigade to be made immediately to the Brigade Major — Lieutenants Coffer and Broadwater of the 10.th Virg.a Reg.t are released from their Arrest and ordered to do duty in the Line

B: O:

Head Quarters V: F: February 19th 1778.

Major Genl. Tomorrow . . . . . Lord Stirling
Brigadier . . . . . Patterson
Field Officers . . . . . Lt Colo Brooks
B: M: . . . . . Claiborne

Head Quarters V: F: February 20th 1778.

Major Genl tomorrow . . . . . Lord Stirling
Brigadier . . . . . Mc Intosh
Field Officers . . Lt Colo Star. Majr Pawling
B: M: . . . . . Mc Cormick

A BOARD of General Officers held Febr 19th 1778: To take into Consideration the Promotion of Major Ryan, and after having heard the reasons for and against it are of opinion that his promotion to the rank of Major in the 10th Pensylvania Regt is irregular — The Commander in Chief is therefore obliged to Superceed the Appointment of the sd Ryan in the sd Regt The same Board likewise took into Consideration the memorial of Captn James Grear after hearing his alligations in Support of it, and what the Majors in the Penns line Promoted in the year 77. had to offer are of opinion that though Captn Grear stood fair for promotion on the 3d day of Janr 76, Yet as he was not promoted to fill up the vacancy which then existed untill the 7th day of March following and as agreeable to the then Regulations of the Army he could not take rank from the time of the Vacancy's happening only but from the time

of his Appoin^{t}. He has not a Just Claim to take rank of the Majors App^{d} in the State of Pens^{a} in the year 77. Captn Grear will therefore consider the settlement of his rank as final —

Head Quarters V: F: February 21st 1778

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . Lord Stirling
Brigadier . . . . . Maxwell
Field Officers . . . . Major Sneed & Maj^{r} Hay
B: M: . . . . . Mc Gowen

Head Quarters V: F: February 22^{d} 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . Lord Stirling
Brigadier . . . . . Woodford
Field Officers . . . Lt Colo Bassett. Majr Hull
B: M: . . . . . Bailey

THE Commissary Genl is if possible to keep the Camp well suplied with Rice for the use of the Sick, If Rice cannot be had, Indian Meal must be provided in its place and as this is an Article that can at all times and under all circumstances be had no Excuse will be admitted for the neglect. He is every monday to make a return of all his Issues in the whole of the week and of his stock on hand in Camp and on the first day of every month the Issues in the month proceeding are to be carefully made out and forwarded to the Commiss^{y} Genl who is to return the whole in one view as soon after as possible to the Commander in Chief— A Monthly return is also to be made of the Quantity of

provision and other Articles in the Commissaries Department—

Head Quarters V: F: February 23d 1778

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . GREEN
Brigadier . . . . . SCOTT
Field Officers . . LT COLO MEAD & MAJR FINNER
B: M: . . . . . LEONARD

BRIGADIERS and Officers Commanding Brigades to meet tomorrow morning 10 o'Clock at Genl Sullivan's Quarters to make a just distribution of the Cloathing in the Cloathiers Genl department now in Camp, and near at hand on its way to it, in proportion of the real necessities of the men in order to which The Commanding Officers of Regiments and Corps are to make an Exact return of the wants of their men, to their respective Brigadiers or Officers Commanding Brigades, before the time proscribed for their meeting the Board in their Distribution are to have particular regard to the Artillery, and other Corps not attached to any particular State, having consequently no Chance for other supplies and are to make them an allowance Accordingly, The Officer Commanding Morgan's Light Corps will furnish the Board with a return of the wants of the men under his Command. Regimentally adjusted for which they have to make as generous and effectual provision as Circumstances will permit, this is not meant to exclude them from a Share in the

State Cloathing, which has been or may be furnished, but on the Contrary, the Brigadiers are Directed to see that strict Justice be done them in this, Respective Duplicates of the Returns to be made to the Commandg Officers of the respective Regts from which these men were draughted who are to take proper notice of the Same in their Regimental Accounts.

Head Quarters V: F: February 24th 1778.

Major Genl	Lord Stirling
Brigadier	Varnum
Field Officers	Colo Greyson & Majr Murphy
B: M:	Patterson

Head Quarters V: F: February 25th 1778.

Major Genl	Green
Brigadier	Huntington
Field officers	Lt Colo Littlefield Majr Linslow
B: M:	Stagg

AT a Genl Court Martial whereof Colo Courtland was president held the 16th February Lt Tipton of 12 Virgia Regt tried for gaming and behaving unbecomming the Character of an Officer or a Gentleman and acquitted of the Charge Exhibited against him.

The General cannot perceive upon what principal the Court Acquitted Lt Tipton, having been clearly convicted of Gameing which is a breach palpable of Genl Orders prohibiting it in every form and is therefore obliged to disaprove the Sentence. Yet as Lt Tipton has under gone his tryal and it would be

improper to bring him to a second, He is of Course to be released from his Arrest.

The Brigadiers and Officers Commanding Brigades In pursuance of yesterday's Orders have made a distribution of the Cloathing, The Commanding Offrs of Regts and Corps may have their respective proportions by applying to the Commissary of Cloathing.

Head Quarters V: F: February 26th 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow	LORD STIRLING		
Brigadier	PATTERSON		
Field Offrs . .	Lt Colo BARBER	MAJOR GILMAN	
B: M:	DAY		

CAPTN D: Duvall and Adjudt Marskill are to act as Brigade Majors The 1st in Genl Mc Intoshes and the second in Genl Patterson's Brigades, 'till the return of Brigade Majors Berryan & Mc Clure —

B: O:

February 26th 1778.

The Qr Masters of the different Regts of Genl Weedon's Brigade to see that the Vaults of their Respective Regts to which they belong are filled up and new ones dug the Brigade Qr master to See that this order is put in Execution — The Officers Commanding Regiments in the Brigade are requested to give most positive orders that the men belonging to their different Corps do not ease themselves about the Camp but go to the Vaults otherwise the Camp will be unsuffer-

able from the Stench when the warm weather comes on and very prejudicial to the health of the Soldiery —

Head Quarters V: F: February 27th 1778.

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . Green
Brigadier . . . . . Mc Intosh
Field Officers . . . Colo Webb Major Burckard
B: M: . . . . . Johnson

February 27th 78. *B: O:*

Colonel Stewart has been much surprised to find so little attention paid to the orders Issued by Genl Weedon, respecting the Sick of the Brigade. The Colonel now positively orders the Captain whose duty it is to visit the Sick of the Brigade to deliver in his report by 9 o'Clock the following morning to which he was appointed to the above duty, otherwise they may depend upon being called to a Severe Account as it is a duty the utmost importance in the Army.

The Brigade is to be mustered on the first day of March when it is expected it will be ready — The Muster Master Genl desires that for the future one roll should be made out before the day of Muster which roll is to be Corrected by the Deputy M: Master and then to be return'd to the Officers Commanding Companies to make these Rolls therefrom, All Rolls Blotted, Dirty and not made according to Genl orders will be refused by the D M M.

Head Quarters V: F: February 28th 1778.

Major Genl.	Lord Stirling
Brigadier	Maxwell
Field Officers	Colo Shreve Lt Colo Burr
B: M:	Paskill

Head Quarters V: F: March 1st 1778.

Major Genl	Green
Brigadier	Woodford
Field Officers . . .	Colo Becker & Major Grey
B: M:	Mervin

THE Commander in Chief takes this Occasion to return his warmest Thanks to the Virtuous Officers and Soldiers of this Army for that persevering fidelity and Zeal which they have uniformly manifested in all their Conduct from their fortitude, not only under the Common hardships Incident to a Military life, but also under the additional sufferings to which the peculiar situation of these States have exposed them clearly proves them to be men worthy of the Envyable priviledge, Contending for the Rights of human nature, The Freedom and Independance of the Country the recent Instance of uncomplaining patience during the late scarcity of provision in Camp is a fresh proof that they possess an eminent degree the spirit of Soldiers and the Magnanimity of Patriots. The few Refractory Individuals who disgraced themselves by murmering it is to be hoped have repented such unmanly behaviour and resolved to em-

ulate the noble Example of their associates upon every trial which the Customary Casualties of war may hereafter throw in their way. Occasional distress for want of provision and other necessaries is a spectacle that occurs in every Army and perhaps there never was one which has been in General so plentiful supply'd in respect to the former as ours. Surely we who are free Citizens in arms Engaged in Struggle for every thing Valuable in Society and partaking in the Glorious task in laying the foundation of an Empire should scorne Effeminately to shrink under those Accidents and rigours of war, which Mercinary hirelings fighting in the Cause of lawless ambition, Rapine Devastation, Encounter with Cheerfulness and Elacrity. We should not mearly be equal, we should be superior to them in every qualification that dignifies the man or Soldier in proportion as the motives from which we act and the final hopes of our toils are superior to theirs — Thank Heaven our Country abounds with provisions and with prudent management we need not apprehend want for any length of time, Defects in the Commissaries Department, Contingencies of weather and other Temporary Empedements have subjected and may again subject us to deficiency in a few days But Soldiers American Soldiers will dispise the meanness of Repining at such trifling strockes of Adversity, Triffling Indeed when compared with the Transcendent prize which will undoubtedly

crown their patience and perseverance, Glory and freedom, peace & plenty to themselves and Comunity — The Admiration of the World, the love of their Country and the gratitude of posterity. Your General unceasingly employs his thoughts on the means of releaving your distresses; suply your wants and bringing your labours to a speedy and prosperous Issue — Our Parent Country he hopes will second his endeavours by the most vigorous exertions and he is convinced that faithful Officers and soldiers Associated with him in the great work in rescuing their Country from Bondage and Misery will continue in the display of that patriotick Zeal which is capable of smoothing every difficulty and vanquishing every obstacle.

At a Brigade Court Martial held the 27th Febr 78. whereof Colo Burr was President Lt William Ball of the 12th Penna Regt Tried for disobedience of orders Insolence and ungentleman like behaviour, The Court after mature Deliberation on the Evidence produced are clearly and unanimously of opinion that Lt Ball is not guilty and do Unanimously Acquit him with the highest Honour of all and every the Charges exhibited against him the Court do further unanimously agree and determine that the Charges each and all of them are groundless, frivolous & malicious, that Lt Ball's behaviour was truly Gentleman like his attention and obedience to orders exemplary and his conduct deserving applause

rather than Censure— The Commander in Chief, Confirms the opinion of the Court and orders Lieut: Ball to be immediately released from his Arrest. At a Gen: Court Martial whereof Col: Courtland was President Feb: 24th Joseph Worrell an Inhabitant of the State tried for giving Intelligence to the Enemy and for Acting as a Guide and pilote to the Enemy The Court are of opinion that the prisoner is Guilty of Acting as a Guide to the Enemy and do acquit him of the other charge agains him, They do upwards of two thirds agree, Sentence him to Suffer death.

His Excellency the Commander in Chief approves the sentence and orders Joseph Worrell to be executed next Tuesday 10 o'Clock in the forenoon.

Head Quarters Valley Forge March 2d 1778.

Major Gen: tomorrow . . . . . LORD STIRLING
Brigadier . . . . . SCOTT
Field Officers . . LT COL: RUSSELL &
B. M. . . . . . MINNIS

THE General Court Martial whereof Col: Courtlandt was Pres: is Desolv'd and another order'd to sit Tomorrow 10 °Cl. A. M. whereof Col: Chandler is President. Each Brigade a Captain as Members

The Execution of John Warrel is postpon'd to a future day

Head Quarters Valley Forge 3d March 1778

Major Genl. . . . . . GREENE.
Brigadier . . . . . SCOTT.
. . . COLO NORTH & MAJOR HAWS.
M. B. . . . . . CLAIBORNE

A GUARD House at ye new Bridge over Schuylkill is to be Immediately built on this Side. The Officer of ye Guard is to Suffer no N. Commission'd Officer or Soldier to pass from ye Camp without leave in Writeing from ye Commanding Officer of his Regiment. The Qr Mr General is to delay no time in having ye house built.

The General is Inform'd that notwithstanding the repeated orders which have been Issued to prevent Soldiers from Straggling that the Country round about ye Camp, & to a considerable distance, is full of them, He once more calls upon ye Officers Commanding Regimts and Companies to attend to this matter — as well to prevent ye mischiefs resulting from this pernicious practice to ye Inhabitants — as to be prepar'd at all times against any sudden attempt of ye Enemy. He has no doubt, but that every Brigadier and Officer Commanding a Brigade has taken proper pains to show every Regt its proper alarm posts to which they are to repair upon any alarm at ye Fireing of ye usual Signal Gunns.

All ye Major & Brigadier Generals are to meet at Ld Sterlings Quarters at 10 °Cl Tomr

A. M. when they will take into consideration a claim of Rank by Gen.l Muhlenburg, Weedon, Woodford, & Scott, according to case Stated, and such papers as are refered to in it — which will be transfer'd & Reported — Their opinion, as to y.e proceedings, they shall hold with respect to each other.

Head Quarters Valley Forge. 4.th March 1778

Major General . . . . . Lp Stirling
Brigd.r . . . . . Huntington
. Col.o Bradford Lt Col.o Brewster
B. Major . . . . . Mc Cowin

AS y.e Field Officers of y.e day are so busily employ'd in visiting y.e Guards y.e day they are on Duty, as not to be able to wait on y.e Gen.l —

He desires y.e pleasure of their Company, to dine with him the day after reliev'd.

Head Quarters Valley Forge — 5.th March 1778

Major Gen.l . . . . . Greene
Brigadier . . . . . Poor
. . Col.o Russel, Lt Col.o Harney
B. Major . . . . . Mc Gowin

AS persons, Inhabitants of this State, are often brought & Lodg'd in y.e Provost Guard, upon charge of being disaffected — or for other reasons which upon Examination before a Court Martial appeard groundless, and those Persons consequently subjected to needless Imprisonment — The Commander in Chief therefore,

desires that in future, the Adjutant General will before commitment, refer the cases of such as appear to him not to come under Cognizance for a breach of a late act of Congress for punishing Persons for going in, or comeing out of Philadelphia, for certain purposes therein discrib'd to ye Judge Advocate, in order that if he does not think the charges well supported by ye Evidence, the Prisoners may be immediately discharged.

Head Quarters — Valley Forge. 6th March 78.

Major General . . . . . Ld Stirling
*Brig^r^* . . . . . Muhlenburg
. . . . Lt Col^o^ Buford Broomfield
B. Major . . . . . DeuVall

Head Quarters Valley Forge — 7th March 78

Major General . . . . . Greene
Brigadier . . . . . Patterson
. . . . Lt Col^o^ Ray — Major Porter
B. Major . . . . . Bailey

THE Commander in Chief orders & Directs that captures of Provisions, actually going into Philadelphia, must be made under the Eye, and by the approbation of a Commission'd officer, and no forfeitures will otherwise take place. Provisions so taken, will be for ye benefit of ye Captures, and on authentic certificates of their being properly taken of ye officers Commanding Parties, and deliver'd to ye Commissary of Purchases in Camp, will pay for them.

All officers are strictly enjoin'd to use ye greatest caution in ye matter, that It may not be made a pretext for plundering and Injuring the well effected Inhabitants.

Head Quarters. Valley Forge. 8th March 78

Major General . . . . . SULLIVAN
*Brig^r^* . . . . . M^c^ INTOSH
L^t^ COL^o^ WEYSENFEILDTZ — MAJOR HUGHLINS
B. Major . . . . . LEARNED

When officers from ye Brigade are appointed for duty, they are to attend on ye Brigade Parade and march from thence with ye men. *B. O.*

The officers Commanding Regiments are desir'd to give strict charge to their men to abstain from easing themselves on, and dirtying the Front of ye Encampment, as the consequence will be fatal to the health, in the warm season which is approaching fast.

Head Quarters. Valley Forge. 9th March 78.

Major General . . . . . LORD STIRLING
Brigadier . . . . . WOODFORD
. . L^t^ COL^o^ DAVIS — MAJOR TALBOT
B. Major . . . . . STAGGE

THE Cloathier General will have particular regard to Morgan's Corps — The Artillery — The 16 additional Battalions — and the N. Carolina Brigades — when ye next supply of Cloathing arrives — as ye former are not provided for by any State, and ye latter are so far

distant from their own, that they have not receiv'd any supply from thence.

Head Quarters. Valley Forge. 10th March 78.

Majr. Genl. . . . . . Green
Brigadier . . . . . Varnum
. . . . . Col° Ogden Majr. Thair
B. Major . . . . . Day

THE month's Extraordinary pay and for the month Decr. may be received at the Pay Master Genls. he having been prevented paying it this day agreeable to Yesterday's after Orders — At a Genl. Court Martial whereof Col. Tupper was president 8th. Insr. Lt. Tilton of the 12th Virginia Regt. tried for Embezzleing The Country's Clothing drawn for the Soldiers in the Compy to which he belongs — 2d. 2dly for taking a blanket from William Smith fifer in the 8d. Company by which means he suffered much the Court are of opinion that Lt. Tilton is not Guilty of the Charges exhibited against him and do Acquit him the Commd. in Chief Confirms the Opinion and Orders Lieutenant Tilton to be discharg'd from his Arrest — at a Brigade Court Martial whereof Majr. Buckard was president 6th. Insr. Mr. Robertson adjut. of the 13th. Virgs. Regt. Try'd with his own Consent for encouraging a Soldier's Wife to Sell liquors in Genl. Mulenburgh's Brigade without leave Also for taking the liquors after they were Seized by Order of the Commanding officer

of the Brigade and Saying it should not be taken away and for Repeatedly geting Drunk and behaving in an Ungentlemanlike manner — the Court are of Opinion that M.r Robertson is guilty of detaining and Using liquors Seiz'd by the Commanding Officer of the Brigade and Saying it should not be taken away and Sentence him to be Repremanded in Brigade Orders for so doing, and Acquit him of the other Charges The Comm.r in Chief approves the Sentence and Orders it to take place as soon as may be — At a Gen.l Court martial whereof Col.o Bradley was president 13 Ins.t Lieut.t French tried for refusing to do duty in positive terms when properly warn'd The Court are of opinion that Lieut.t French is not Guilty and do acquit him — The Comm.r in Chief approves the Sentence and Orders him discharg'd from his arrest — At a Brigade Court Martial of Artillery whereof Col.o Strobough was president 8th Instant Thomas Coshall and Sam.l Burress of Col.o Lames Reg.t of Artillery tried for desertion the Pris'ner's pleads guilty Confessing their intention to desert to the Enemy do Sentence them to receive 500 Lashes each on their bare backs well laid on — The Comm.r in Chief disapproves the Sentence as being Illegal and Orders them to be tried anew by a Gen.l Court Martial

Head Quarters, Valley Forge, 11th March 1778

Major Genl. . . . . . SULLIVAN
Brigadier . . . . . HUNTINGTON
. . . COLO STARR MAJOR WALLACE
B. Major . . . . . JOHNSTON

Head Quarters — Valley Forge 12th M 1778

Major Genl. . . . . . LD STIRLING
Brigadier . . . . . POOR
. . LT COLO DAVIS, LT COLO BASSETT
B. Major . . . . . HARSKILL

Head Quarters, Valley Forge, 13th March 1778

Major Genl. . . . . . GREENE
Brigadier . . . . . MUHLENBURG
. . . COLO BONNER, MAJOR CROPPER
B. Major . . . . . ALDEN

THE Commander in Chief being inform'd that notwithstanding his order of 7th January last, the Carcases of Dead Horses lay in, or near the Camp, and that ye Offal near many of ye Commissaries Stalls, still lay unburied, that much Filth and nastiness, is spread amongst ye Hutts, which will soon be reduc'd to a state of putrefaction and cause a Sickly Camp — Out of tender regard for ye lives & health of his brave Soldiery, and with suprise that so little attention is paid to his orders, He again in ye most positive terms, orders & Commands that ye Qr Mr General apply for men, from time, to time, to bury such Dead Horses as shall lay at any considerable distance from Camp so as never to

permit any of them to lay unburied, & that he compell some of his Assistants to see this order strictly comply'd with — The Division & Brigade Commissaries are constantly to bury the Offal & Damag'd provisions, near their Quarters — The Commandants of Divisions & Brigades, are desir'd to see this order implicitly obey'd, and further, that ye Field officers of ye Day take particular notice, and report any neglect thereof — The Commanding officers of Regiments & Corps, will Immediately order their Q^r^ Masters to see their Respective Encampments cleans'd — Their old Valts fill'd and new ones Dug — all filth & Nastiness buried, and fresh earth thrown into the Vaults twice every Day — As the above orders are essentially necessary to preserve health in Camp, no plea of Ignorance will be admitted and ye least breach thereof, will be severely notic'd.

In case ye Non-commission'd Officers or Soldiers are muster'd out by ye Commissary of Musters — ye Brigadiers and officers Commanding Brigades will give them Discharges either to Return to their own homes, or to go into ye Corps of Invalids, at ye option of ye men. They will not transfer them to that Corps, unless fit to do duty in it.

B. Orders

Major Claiborne will in Future mount a Brigade Guard to afford three Sentinals with orders to Fire on any man who shall be found easing himself elsewhere than in ye Valts.

B. Orders

14th of March 1778

A party of 1 Sub. Q. Serjt. 2 Corporals & 20 Privates to be paraded this Mornr at 11 oClock, the men to be under the Direction of Mr Trent, Brigade Q. Master who is to see all the filth & nastiness in front of the Brigade is cleared away and covered, and the old Vaults be filled up & new ones dug. The sub to see the men do their Duty.— This party to be paraded every Mornr, for the time of Troop beating, Untill Mr. Trent informs the Business for which they were taken out is finished

G. O.

Major Genl. . . . . . STERLING
Brigadier . . . . . PATTERSON
Field Officers . Lt Colo MEADE, MAJOR PAWLIN
Brigade Majr. . . . . . MARVIN

AT a Genl C. Martial whereof Brigr Genl Mc Intosh was present March the 10th 78. Colo Wm Cook of ye 12. Penn Regt tryed for disobedience of Orders in sundry Instances, (to wit) First about the 20th of Decr last when the Enemy advanced over Schuylkill the Brigade to which he belongs was ordered and did march toward the Enemy, but Cook absented himself from his Regt and did not join it again whilst in that service which was near Ten Days after the Regiment was in Camp Again about two days after being refused leave of Absence did without leave abscond from Camp. and never Returned till two or three days since—

For giving leave of Absence to Officers of his Regt and reporting them absent without leave for which they were never brought before a Court Martial & Acquitted —
The Court having duly considered the evidence produced & are of opinion that the Colo after having been refused leave absent (*sic*) himself from Camp. and did not return for two or three Months after he went away being a breach of Genl Orders 22d Decr last and contrary to good order & Discipline and do sentence him on Account of some particular circumstances and on the Acct of the good Character he has sustain'd as a good Officer) only to be reprimanded in Genl Orders, but do acquit him of Furloughing his Officers and reporting them absent without leave —
The Commr in chief approves the sentence and hopes that the disgrace to an Officer of Colo Cooks rank of being found guilty of leaving Camp without permission will be a sufficient reprimand — At a Genl Court Martial whereof Colo Tupper was Presidt the 10th of March 1778. — Lt Enslin of Colo Marcums Cr tryed first for Attempting to commit sodomy, with Jno Monhart a Soldier. 2cd for Perjury in Swearing to false Accts found guilty of the charges Exhibited against him and do sentence him to be dismist the Service with Infamy, —
The Commr in chief approves the Sentence & with abhorrence & Detestation of such infamous Crimes, orders Lt Enslin to be

drumm'd out of Camp tomorrow Mr. by all the Drums & Fifes in the Army never to return The Drums & Fifes to attend on the grand Parade at Guard Mounting for that Purpose

At a Court of Enquiry held in the Brigade of Artillery Lt. Colo. Strobough was present the 11th Instant, to examine into a Complaint Exhibited by one Jno. Wilson against Capta. Rice & Proctor Ena. of Colo. Proctors Regiment for plundering & taking by force & for permitting the Soldiers to take a Quantity of Household Furniture and other Articles from the Complainant—

The Court upon hearing the Evidence and allegations of the party are of opinion that Exhibited agt. Capta. Rice & Proctor Ensa. are Groundless, Consequently the Compt. Quash'd—

G. O.

Head Quarters Valley Forge March the 15th 78—

Major Genl. tomorrow . . . . . GREEN
Brigadier . . . . . Mc. INTOSH
Field Officers . COLo. MAGLESWORTH MAJOR TURNER
Brigade Major . . . . . MINNES
For detachment . COLo. POTTER, Lt. COLo. BYAN & MAJr. CHURCH

THE Genl. C. Martial whereof Colo. Tupper is Prest. is dissolv'd & another ordered to sit to morrow, A. M at 10 oClock at the Adjutant Genls.—

Qua. Colo. Swift is appointed Prest.—

Each Brigade gives a Captn for the Court all Evidences & persons concern'd are desired to attend at the time & place mentioned, more Especially against the Inhabitants of this State now confined in the Provo, as their Tryal will come on tomorrow Among Inconveniences & Injuries having arisen to the service from the Powers Exercised by Officers on granting Furloughs, The Honble The Continental Congress in order to prevent the like in future has been pleased to Resolve, That the Commr in chief or the Commr of a separate Department shall have full power and Authority to suspend or limit power of Granting, Furloughs or leave of Absence and to reserve it wholly to himself or to Impart it to such Officer or Officers as he thinks fit According as he shall judge the good of the service requires and that no Officer under Colour or pretence of Authority to him granted by the 2ed Article in the rules and Regulations of War grant any Furloughs or leave of Absence, Contrary to the Order of the Commr in chief or a Commr of a Department on pain of being punishd for disobedience of Orders. All Officers are to pay strict obedience to the foregoing Resolution, and none are to grant Furloughs, of leave of Absence on any pretence whatsoever, Except such as are authorized by Genl Orders and they only under such limitations & Restrictions as have been or shall be Appointed by the Commr in chief, All Passes to Soldiers

going out of Camp are to be taken from them, or return by the Officers Commanding Guards, and destroyed The Markets which have been held heretofore on the other side of Schuylkill, is to be held in future on the west side near the Bridge —
The Gen.l preceiving that there is a great abuse and waste of Hides from the present mode of leaving them with the Brigades till exchang'd can be Affected directs in future that the Comm.y of each Brigade will deliver all the Hides produced in his Brigade to the Comm.y of Hides, taking his Receipt for them and keeping an Acc.t with him for the future —
The Brigadiers will still continue their contracts as heretofore directed and for the Performance will give Orders upon the Comm.y of Hides who is hereby required to make Returns the 1.st day in each Month at Head Quarters of the Number and Weight of Hides Rec.d and issued by him a most convenient mode of Delivering the hides will be to send them by the Brigade Provision Waggons to the Comm.y of Issues where they will be Rec.d by the Comm.y of Hides & a Receipt given for them, The Comm.y of Hides will attend at Head Quarters Tomorrow Morn.g at 10 oClock At a General C Martial whereof Col.o Tupper was Pres.t L.t Oliver was try'd for sending a Corporal & a file of men into Col.o Stewarts Reg.t to seize a Cag of Whiskey, belonging to one of his Officers, without consulting Col.o Stewart or any of his Officers

upon mature Consideration, the Court are of Opinion that L.t Oliver is guilty of the charge Exhibited against him, and thinks that however laudable L.t Olivers intentions were, on seizing the Whiskey of the men who sold it, The mode he fell on was not by any means justifiable, as many ill Consequences must nessessarily follow the practice of sending a file of Men into another Reg.t to seize any thing without Application to the Comm.g Officer —

The Gen.l confirms the Opinion, and orders that L.t Oliver be discharg'd from his Arrest

At the same Court 11.th Ins.t Edw.d Gressut, tryed for going into Philad.a found guilty & Sentenc'd to receive 100 Lashes, — The Comm.r in chief approves the Sentence and orders it to be put in Execution Tomorrow Morn.g at Guard mounting on the grand parade —

The Regim.l P. M. & others who receiv'd Money of the P. M. G. on Wednesday and Thursday last are requir d to examine their Cash. as he made a mistake to his prejudice.

The Col.o and Comm.g Officers of Corps are desired to see that their Respective Pay masters have Immediate notice of this Matter —

R. Officer for the day tomorrow L.t Parker —

G. O.

Head Quarters Valley Forge March 16th 78.

Major Gen! . . . . . Lord Stirling
Brigadier. . . . . . Woodford
Field Off! . . Lt Colo Miller — Major Winslow
Brigade Major . . . . . Claiborne

THE Gen! C. Martial whereof Brig! Gen! Mc Intosh was prest dissolved —

At a Gen! C. Martial whereof Col! Bradley was Pres! 7th Ins! Lt Armours of the 1st Pensylva Reg! tryed, having in many Respects Unbecoming a Gentleman found guilty of the Charges Exhibited against him & sentenced to be discharg'd from the service — But in Consideration of the Excell! Character given the Court of L! Armours & several Circumstances in the mode of Prosecution appearing malicious, The Court do in the strongest terms, Unanimously Recommend him to his Excell! Pardon — The Gen! approves the sentence but in Consideration of the Courts Recommendation is pleas'd to pardon him, yet with Abhorrence of such practices as L! Armours has Indulg'd himself in, which are highly derogatory to the Character of an Officer, He expects the Instance of Clemency will properly effect his future conduct —

March y.e 17th 1778 — G. O —

Major Gen.l . . . . . GREENE
Brig.r . . . . . VERNON —
Field Off.rs . . . COL.o CLARK MAJOR JOHNSTON
Brigade Major . . . . . OGDEN

ONE hundred Chosen men are to be annexed to the Guard of the Commander in chief for the purpose of forming a Corps to be Instructed in the Maneuvres necessary to be introduced in the Army, and serve as a model for the Execution of them — As the Gen.ls guard is compos'd entirely of Virginians, The 100 Draughts are to be taken from the Troops of the other States —

March y.e 18th 1778 — G. O

Major Gen.l . . . . . LORD STIRLING
Brigadier . . . . . POOR —
F. Off.rs . . . L.T COL.o BASSET, MAJOR TALBOT
Brigade Major . . . . . M.c CORMICK

INOCULATION for the small pox having been haply performed in all the Subjects in Camp it is necessary to guard against the fatal effects of that disorder taken in the Natural way —

The Comm.r in chief therefore Injoins all Officers Comm.g Reg.ts upon the Arrival of Recruits or return of Absent Soldiers to make an immediate and strict Enquiry whether they have had the small Pox, & order such as have not to be inoculated by the Reg.l Surgeon,

and in case the Regiment should be unprovided with one, to give instant notice thereof to the Surgeon General

The men order'd for his Excellencies Guard tomorrow morning on ye Grand Parade at Guard mounting.

Head Quarters — Valley Forge, 19th March 78

Major General . . . . . GREENE
Brigadier . . . . . MUHLENBURG
. . . COL^o^ VOKE MAJOR BRADDISH
B. Major . . . . . M^c^ GOWIN

THE Commander in chief directs, that the officers will be very attentive to ye Water which their men Drink — The little springs about Camp, from which they have been accustom'd to supply themselves during ye Winter, will, in their present State, become extreemly Impure, and pernicious, in ye approaching warm season — As it is a matter so essential, It is expected that ye officers will, without Delay, take measures to provide good Water for their men, by having ye Springs open'd & clean'd, and well sunk in proper places, with Barrels to preserve them, taking care to have them frequently emptied and cleans'd, to prevent any accumulation of Filth.

To prevent a False alarm, notice is hereby given, that a Cannon will be discharg'd at ye Park of Artillery tomorrow at Sunset

Head Quarters — Valley Forge, 20th March 78

Major General . . . . . Lp Stirling
Brigadier . . . . . Patterson
. . . Lt Colo Mabon ; Major Cabell
B. Major . . . . . Deu Vall

AT a Division Court Martial whereof Major Johnston was President March 15th 78 — Lt Davis of Colo Angels Regimt try'd for Swearing on ye Evening of ye 2d Instant, after being warn'd for duty. . . . That if he could not get rid of that tower, he would Feign himself sick, for he was determin'd not to do it, and would suffer himself to be Cashier'd with infamy before he would go — and for refusing ye tour accordingly.

The Court, after ye most mature deliberation, unanimously adjudge Lt Davis guilty of a breach of 21-article, 14 Sec: of ye articles of war, & sentence him to be Discharg'd ye service, as order'd in said article — The Commander in Chief approves ye Sentence, and orders it to take place Immediately.

March 20th 78 *B. O.*

All Persons who have any accounts with Mr Mead formerly Commissary to this Brigade, are to call and Settle them as Soon as possible — as his Books will be deliver'd to ye Commissary Genl in a Few days, and Himself will leave Camp Shortly

Head Quarters Valley Forge, 20th March

Major General . . . . . Lp Stirling
Brigadier . . . . . Vernum
Lt Colo Littlefield, Major Murphy
B. Major . . . . . Stagg

AS a System of easy Maneuvres is to be introduc'd with a view of Establishing uniformity in these points thro'out ye army — The Commanding Officers of Brigades and Regiments are desir'd to discontinue exercising and Manœuv'ring their men by way of Instruction, until ye new Regulations Shall be distributed — Such exercises as are Indispensably necessary in ye Ordinary Camp duties, may in ye mean time be perform'd according to ye accustom'd methods.

The prices of the Following articles. . . Rum . . . French Brandy . . . Jinn . . . Spirits . . . & Cyder-Royal not being noted in ye General Orders of ye 26th January last — The Vendors of these articles have taken advantage, and therefore Sell them at ye most Exorbitant Rates. . . . The Brigadiers and Officers Commanding Brigades are desir'd to meet at Genl Woodford's Quarters on Tuesday morning, 10 °Cl. to Regulate ye prices of ye above.

The Adjt Genl is to purchase all Arms & accoutriments of Deserters, & no other Person.

Head Quarters — Valley Forge — 22d March

Major Genl. . . . . . GREENE
Brigadier . . . . . Mc INTOSH
. . . Lt Colo BURR. MAJOR HAYSH
Brigade Major . . . . . BAILEY

THE Brigade Inspectors are desir'd to attend at Head Qrs on Monday 10 °Cl. precisely.

The Brigadiers and Officers Commanding Brigades are desir'd to make an Exact Return to ye Adjt General tomorrow at Orderly time of ye Nr of rounds of Ammunition that each of their men are Furnish'd with; and what quantity of spare Cartridges are in the Hands of their Quarter Masters.

Officers Commanding Regiments are desir'd to make the Returns Call'd for in Genl Orders — to Major Claiborne. *B, O,*

Valley Forge, 23d March

Major Genl. . . . . . GREENE
Brigadier . . . . . WAYNE
. Lt Colo BALLARD, MAJOR NICHOLS
B. Major . . . . . DAY

AS ye Season is approaching fast when every thing should be held in ye most perfect readiness for ye Field; ye Comm. in Chief reminds the Brigadiers of the former order to provide Bayonets for their men, and ye Officers of ye necessity of procuring Espontoons.

B. O.

The Different Majors, Captains, and a Subaltern from each Company, are to attend by order of ye Commander in Chief (at ye Hours or 8. °Cl in ye morning, and 4 in ye Afternoon) on Major Cabbell, to observe a body of men, learn ye Manaeuvers &c, to be practiced by the whole Army —

Valley Forge, 24th March 78.

Major General . . . . . Lord Stirling
Brigadier . . . . . Poor
. . . Lt Colo Parker, Major Bell
B. Major . . . . . Johnston

THE Honourable Continental Congress have been pleas'd to appoint Major General Greene, Quarter Master General in ye Army of ye United States — reserving his Rank of Major General in ye same, and John Cox, and Charles Pettit Esqre Assistant Quarter Masters General — All of whom respectively are to be consider'd and Respected as Such.

At 9 °Cl, precisely, all ye Brigades will begin their Exercise — each Regiment on its own Parade, & ye Inspector General will attend. In the Afternoon, ye Brigade will begin the Exercise, at 4, & finish at 5 °Cl.

The Commander in Chief strictly enjoins it upon ye Commissary General of Issues, to keep a quantity of hard bread for ye use of Detachments, which may be order'd out upon any Sudden Immergency; likewise of

Salt provisions if possible Of the above, he will issue to ye Brigade Commissaries to be kept in Store for the Same purpose.

B. O.

In future the Brigade Major will give the Names of all Officers for duty; and as this may cause some to go out of their turn by reason of the method heretofore practis'd; It is expected that the Gentlemen will acquiese, for the Sake of Regularity hereafter.

The Adjutants are daily to attend on the Brigade Major for orders, precisely at 3°Cl in the Afternoon.

By Command.

R CLAIBORNE, *B. M.*

Valley Forge, March 25th 1778

Major General . . . . . LORD STIRLING
*Brig^r^* . . . . . MUHLENBURG
. . COL^o^ LEVINGSTON, L^t^ COL^o^ RUSSELL
B. Major . . . . . HARSKELL

THE Honourable, the Congress, having appointed Matthew Clarkson and Major John Clark Esq^rs^., Auditors, to settle, and adjust the accounts of the whole army — They are to be respected accordingly.

Any Person who have accounts to be audited by them, may find them at the house of Griffith Johns, about three miles beyond the Pay Master Generals Quarters —

Valley Forge, 26th March 1778

Till further orders the Major General of the day is dispens'd with —

Brigadier . . . . . PATTERSON
. LT COL° MILLER, & MAJOR LEDYARD
Brigade Major . . . . . MARVIN

NO Scouting Party is to be sent out of Camp, unless it be by order of the Commander in Chief. . . . The General Officer of the Day. . . . or the Adjutant General, 'till the Army be in a moving State and Circumstances require it. Disobedience, or Neglect of this order, will be severely punish'd; and as many officers have been Captivated by their own folly and Carelessness, The General most expressly orders, that whereever this is found to be the case, such officers Shall be the last Exchang'd — Notwithstanding, in point of time, they would be Intitled to preference.

No officer Commanding at an out-post, or upon a Scouting Party, is to give passes into Philadelphia, under pain of being try'd for Disobedience of orders —. The very end, and Design of these Parties, are defeated by this means. The Adjutant General will take care that these orders are Communicated to all officers on Detach'd Commands

No boats to pass Sullivan's Bridge, without permission from the Officer Commanding the Guard there, who will be strict in Exam-

ining them, and permit no suspicious Persons to pass.

Valley Forge, 27th March 1778

Brigadier . . . . . MAXWELL
. . . COL° BRADFORD & MAJ^R TAYLOR
B. Major . . . . . MINNIS.

THE Numerous inconveniences of a large train of Baggage, must be apparent to every officer of the least consideration. An Army by means of it is render'd unwieldy, and Incapable of acting with that ease and celerity, which are essential — either to its own security and Defence, or to vigour, and enterprize in its offensive opperations. The Solicitude, which those who have a large quantity at Stake, will feel for its safety, even in the most critical circumstances, is sometimes attended with very alarming consequences, and Individuals, frequently, and unavoidably, sustain no Inconsiderable losses from the Imprudence of encumbering themselves with Superfluous baggage. . . . The Publick is burthen'd with a fruitless expense, in an additional number of Horses, and Waggons; and the strength of the army is deminish'd by the extraordinary Number of Guards requir'd for their protection. These disadvantages, and many more, that will suggest themselves on reflection. . . . Notwithstanding the pains taken to remedy them, have been heretofore, severely felt by this Army. Many instances, will be recol-

lected in the course of the last Campaign; and among others, the great loss, which attended sending the Superfluous baggage, during the most active part of it, to a distance from the Army. The Commander in Chief, hopes these considerations will influence officers in the ensueing Campaign, to provide themselves with those necessaries only, which cannot be dispens'd with, and with the means of carrying them, in the most easy and convenient manner; In order to which, He strongly recommends the disuse of Chests, & Boxes, and that Portmanteau's & Valeesces, made of Duck be substituted in stead of them. This will be more requisite, as its in Contemplation, to employ as few Waggons as possible, and to make use of Pack Horses, as far as may be practicable. It is expected the General & Field Officers, will set the Example, and see, that it is strictly follow'd by all those under their respective Commands. Officers at out Posts, receiving Letters by Flagg, address'd to the Commander in Chief by General Howe, whose Name is always Endors'd on them, are desir'd to give Receipts for the same.

As the Comm[r] in Chief is anxious to have the Interior line of Defence compleated, He desires, that the Brigadiers, and officers Commanding Brigades, will meet at General Varnum's Quarters tomorrow at 11 °Cl, and there, or at the line, assign each Brigade its proportion, which they will cause to be executed,

under the Inspection of the Enginiers, with as much dispatch as possible.

Valley Forge, March 28th 1778.

Brigadier . . . . . WAYNE
. . . Lt Colo HARMER. & MAJOR HAWS
B. Major . . . . . CLAIBORNE

AT a board of the Brigadiers, and Officers Commanding Brigades, the price of sundry Liquors, were fix'd on as follows, and now ratified by the Commander in Chief (Towit) West India Rum, or Spirits at 15/, Continental Rum 10/, Jin 9/, French Brandy 19/, and syder-rowal 2/ pr Quart, and in larger, or smaller quantities at the same Rates.

On Monday next, the Troops will beat at half past 7, in the morning, and the Guards to be on the Grand Parade by 8 °Cl precisely, in order to be exercis'd, previous to guard mounting. Major Wallace, Brigade Inspector in General Woodford's Brigade will Command, & is to have two Adjutants from that Brigade to assist him.

On Sunday at 10°Cl. in the forenoon, all the Brigade Inspectors, with the Officers, and Non-Commission'd Officers, who are to mount guard on Monday, will attend at Head Quarters, where the Inspector General, will instruct them, in what is to be done the next day.

Baron Steuben, a Lieutenant General in foreign service, and a Gentleman of great

Military experience, having obliglingly undertaken to exercise the office of Inspector General in this army. . . . The Commander in Chief ('till the pleasure of Congress shall be known) desires that he may be respected and obey'd as such; and hopes & Expects, that all officers of whatsoever Rank in it, will afford him every aid in their power, in the Execution of his office.

Lieutenant Colonels; Davis; Brooks; and Barber; and Mr. Ternant are appointed to act as Sub Inspectors, the three former, retaining their Rank in the line.

The Importance of establishing an uniform system of useful Manoeuvres, and regularity of Discipline, must be obvious. The deficiency of our Army in these respects, must be equally so. The time we shall probably have, to introduce the Necessary reformation, is short. Without the most active exertions therefore of Officers of every class, it will be impossible to derive the advantages propos'd from this institution, which are of the greatest moment to the success of the ensueing Campaign. Arguments surely, need not be multiplied to kindle the zeal of Officers; in a matter of such essential consequence to their own honour; the advancment of the Service, & the prosperity of our Arms.

Valley Forge, 29th March 1778

Brigadier . . . . . VARNUM
. . . Lt Colo HARNEY, MAJOR PETERS
B. Major . . . . . OGDEN

THE following officers are appointed Brigade Inspectors, and are to be respected, and obey'd in their several Brigades. Colo Tupper in General Patterson's Brigade, Lt Colo Sprout in Glovers, Major Wallace in Woodford's, Major Cabells in Weedon's, Major Hull in Learned's, Major Fish in Poors, Major Broomfield in Maxwells, Major Ryan in the 1st Penns., Major Hulling in late Conway's, Captain Smith in Varnum's, Captain Canvers in Huntington's, Capt Ingles in McIntosh's, Capt McGowin in the 2d Penns.,

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Valley Forge, 30th March 1778.

Brigadier . . . . . POOR
. . Lt Colo BUFORD & MAJOR PORTER.
B. Major . . . . . McCORMICK

THE General Court Martial whereof Colo Ogden was President is desolv'd and another order'd to sit tomorrow at 10 °Cl, at the usual place whereof Colonel Vosce is appointed President, to try all such Prisoners as shall be brought before him. Each Brigade gives a Captain for the Court.

As the operations of the ensueing Campaign, whether offensive, or defensive, renders it in-

dispensably necessary that the spare baggage of the army should be at a distance from this Camp, and it may be inconvenient, and perhaps impracticable, for want of Teams, to remove it the Instant it may be requisite; The General desires that the officers will loose no time in disengaging themselves from every thing they can possibly spare. On the means of removing it, they will Consult the Quarter Master General, who may have empty Waggons returning from Camp.

Valley Forge, 31 March 1778

Brigadier . . . . . Mc Intosh
. . Lt Colo Regnier, Major Campbell
B. Major . . . . . Berryan

GERMAN Town being appointed to meet the Commissioners from the two armies, a strict neutrality, and suspension of Hostilities, are to be observ'd in all the extent of that village, and all officers, whether Continental, or Militia, are expressly forbid to entre there, either with their Parties, or singly, or to do any thing that may in any wise tend to violate the peace, which is to subsist in the above mention'd place till farther orders

Thos Reed Esqr is appointed assistant Pay Mr Genl and is to be consider'd as such

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Valley Forge, April 1st 1778.

Brigadier . . . . . PATTERSON
Lt Colo BREARLEY, & MAJOR ALLISON
B. Major. . . . . . BAILEY —

SOME Brigades were late in sending their men on to the grand Parade this morning. . . . The General is willing to attribute this to the difference in watches; and to the end, that greater punctuality may be observ'd in future with respect to time . . . the Adjutant General is to regulate his watch by the Clock at Head Quarters — The Brigade Majors by his, and the Adjutants by their B. Majors

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Valley Forge, 2d April 1778

Brigadier. . . . . MAXWELL
. . . Colo BECKER, Lt Colo HUBLEY
B. Major. . . . . HARKSKELL

THE Inspector of the first Pensylvania Brigade, will command the Parade tomorrow. He will bring with him two Adjutants of his Brigade, and when the parade is over, remit the Command for next day to the Brigade Inspector of the 2d Pens: Brigade, and his two Adjutants; who are desir'd to attend the Parade tomorrow for that purpose. The same method to be observ'd in regular rotation. The Inspector General purposes Exercising the officers of the 2d Pens: Brigade at 10 oCl

tomorrow, and at 11, those of General Poor's Brigade

As the Stumps and Brush in front of the new line afford an excellent obstacle to the approach of an enemy, 'tis expressly forbid, that any of it should be burnt by Fatigue Parties, or others for the distance of extreme Musket-range in front of the line; of which all officers Commanding a Regiment, are to take particular notice. There is a sufficiency of Wood within the lines, to furnish stakes for the Work —

B. O.

April 3d. 1778.

As the prices of the Cloathing drawn by the officers of the Virginia line, cannot be ascertain'd at present; and as the Virginia Brigadiers are in some measure accountable to the State for the Cloathing drawn. . . . It is expected that a remittance will be made by them in part. Colo Stewart (by their desire) requests the officers of the Brigade, to pay into the hands of their respective Pay Masters; Such sums of Money as they shall think adequate to the Cloathing each of them receiv'd.

The Paymasters are to keep such accounts, and give and give (*sic*) receipts for the money receiv'd, and then pay it to Colo Palfrey Pay Master General, who will give receipts for the sums paid in by each Regiment.

Valley Forge, April 3d. 78.

Brigadier, ... WAYNE
. . Lt. Colo. GREENE & MAJOR VARNUM
B. Major . . . . . SEELY
Inspector from 2d. PENSA. BRIGADE

THE works of the new line being very carelessly executed in many parts, and the representations of the Engineers to the Officers Commanding Fatigue Parties, having hitherto been of no avail. . . . The General calls upon the several Brigadiers to Inspect the part which has been allotted to their Brigades, and order the defects to be remedied, which appears to be principally oweing to the weakness of the Stakes, and those of the exterior face being plac'd too Parpendicularly

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Valley Forge, 4th. April 1778.

Brigadier, ... VARNUM
. . Lt. Colo. VOSCE, & MAJOR SUMNER
B. Major, ... TENYCHE
Inspector from GENL. POOR

THE Brigadier of the day is to visit the Prisoners in the Provost during his hour of duty, & to enquire into the manner of their treatment, which he is to report with the No. & kind of them and length of Confinement when he gives in the General Report of the Guards & occurrencies. This is to be a standing order & punctually obeyd —

Valley Forge, 5th April 78

Brigadier . . . . . Poor
. . Lt Colo Mead & Major Paughling
Brigade Major . . . . . Marvin
Inspector from Glovers Brigade

THE Brigade Inspectors — Brigade Majors, and all the Adjutants of the Battalions are to attend on the Grand Parade tomorrow morning at guard mounting.

No Furlows to be granted to Non-commissioned officers of soldiers till further orders.

Valley Forge, 6th April 1778

Brigadier, ... Muhlenburg
. . Colo Weston, & Lt Colo Marshall
B. Major, ... Minnis
Inspector from Learneds Brigade

LIEUTENANT Colo Greene is appointed to ye Command of the 10th & Lt Colo Davis to ye Command of the 14th Virginia Regiments till further orders, and are to be respected accordingly.

At a General Court Martial whereof Colo Vosce was Pres: March 31. 78. . . . Lieutenant Dunn of Colo Patton's Regiment of General Scott's Brigade, try'd for striking and ungentlemanlike behaviour to Lieutenant Street, & acquitted. — The Commander in Chief confirms the sentence, and orders Lt Dunn to be discharg'd from his arrest. . . . At the same time observing, that the frequent pro-

ceedings of Courts Martial presented to him, which seems to originate more from Personal prejudice, & private animosities than a real Intention to promote the good of the Service, gives him very sensable pain. He wishes the officers of his army, to consider themselves as a band of Brothers, cemented by the Justice of the Common Cause. . . . that a perfect harmony might subsist amongst them, and that they would settle all private disputes amongst themselves, in an Amicable manner — ever being cautious, not to trouble Courts Martial, or the General, with private dissentions, or add Papers to the Publick piles, which may hereafter reflect disgrace upon themselves and the army —

Valley Forge, 7th April 1778

Brigadier . . . . . PATTERSON
. . . . . Co. GRAY & Lt Colo NEVAL
B. Major . . . . . CLAIBORNE
Inspector from PATTERSON'S BRIGADE

THE Commanding Officers of Regiments & Corps, are desir'd to be very Particular in their next weekly return, to account for their offrs and men who are absent sick. . . . on Furlough, on Command, & the places where; that proper measures may be taken to call them in to Join their respective Corps. The General strictly enjoins it upon them to be exceeding exact, to mention those offrs in any Department, who detain any of their Soldiers

as waiters or for any other purpose, and every particular circumstance relative to their absence, as his fix'd determination is, that he will know the true state of his army —

B. O.

In future, all Commission'd offrs who mount guard will carry their Name, Brigade, and Regiment, to be deliver'd to the Brigade Major of the day when call'd for on the grand Parade.

Valley Forge, 8. April 78.

Brigadier. . . . . . MAXWELL
. . . COLO BREWER & MAJOR WINSLOW
B. Major, ... OGDEN
Inspector from WEEDON'S BRIGADE.

A RENEWAL of the orders relative to the Cleanliness, and proper appearance of Soldiers, who are to mount guard, however great a reproach to the Officers, whose provinces it is to attend to these points is become necessary. The Adjutants in whom the delinquency originates, as it is their duty in the first instance to inspect the Arms, Ammunition, accoutriments and dress of the men before they quit their Regimental Parades, are particularly call'd upon. The B. Majors are requir'd, minutely to examine the Detachments assembled on the Brigade Parade in all the above mention'd Respects; and the Adjutants are to remain there, till the men

are marchd off in order to answer for any Deficiency.

When the guards are assembled on the grand parade, the Brigade Major and Field officers of the Day, are carefully to repeat the same. . . . Examination of arms &c, and to order the Adjutants under an arrest, when any ill appearance, or deficiency may justly be attributed to his Negligence. — Want of uniformity in the Soldiers Cloathing, and its indifferent quality; so far from excusing slovenliness, and unsoldiery neglect in other respects, ought rather to excite each man to Compensate those blemishes by redoubled attention, to the means which he has in his power. For instance; the Soldier may always shave his Beard, appear with clean hands & face, and in general, have an air of Neatness, which will be auspicious under all disadvantages

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Valley Forge, 9th April 1778.

Brigadier . . . . . WAYNE
. . COLº BUTLER, & Lt COLº FARMER
B. Major . . . . . Mc CORMICK
Inspector from MUHLENBURG'S BRIGADE.

IN addition to the orders of yesterday, for the purpose of effecting decency & cleanliness in the dress of the men. . . . The Commander in Chief informs the Serjeants and Corporals of the line, & desires that it may be deeply impress'd upon them; that unless they exert themselves to the utmost, to bring about this Desirable change (as far

as circumstances of Cloathing will admit) and at the same time, by a conduct, and example, which ought to distinguish them from Privates, endeavour to preserve order, Regularity, and obedience. Every delinquent amongst them without exception, shall be reduc'd to the Ranks, and others appointed, till good ones can be had, to discharge their several duties properly. Nothing does, nor nothing can, contribute more to the health of Soldiers, than a clean Camp, clean cloaths, & victuals well dress'd. These; however deeply involv'd in rags an army may be, are to be effected by attention in the officers. The General therefore calls upon every officer, from the Major Generals to the Corporals inclusively, for their exertions: hoping thereby, with the blessings of God, to prevent such number of Deaths which unfortunately have taken place since we came to this ground, and see a stricter attention to orders than heretofore has been paid.

Valley Forge, April 10th 78.

Brigadier . . . . . VARNUM
. . . . COL° SILLY & LT. COL° SIMMS
B. Major . . . . . BERRYAN
Inspector from MAXWELL'S BRIGADE

WHEREAS many Inconveniences may arise in setling the recruiting accounts of the army, for want of the officers being acquainted with the mode of obtaining s.d accounts. . . The

Commanding officer of each Regiment & Corps, is therefore requested to apply to the Auditors of the army, who will furnish them with blank forms, by which that business will be much facilitated, and render the adjustment of their accounts, both simple & easy. In order that no difficulty may arise, from a multiplicity of accounts, the Auditors request, that the Officers Commanding Regiments and Corps will cause the respective officers of their Regiments &c. who have been employ'd in the recruiting service, to produce to them, their Recruiting accounts, which should be collected, in form of an abstract, that the whole might appear at one view, and thereby, enable the Auditors immediately, to acquit the Said Commanding officers of Regiments & Corps from the several sums, with which they respectively stand charg'd.

The Increasing warmth of the season, requires that the greatest care should be taken to keep the Hutts of their men clean, their Bedding air'd every day, and the streets and allies of the Camp, free from all filth. The Commander in Chief therefore, earnestly requests, both the Brigade, and Regimental officers officers (*sic*) of the day, to see these duties, regularly, and punctually perform'd. All bones, Putrid meats, Dirty straw, and every other kind of filth, to be every day collected, and burnt

As marching men by files has an unmilitary appearance, and a tendency to make them

march in an unsoldier-like manner. . . . All Parties commanded by Commission'd officers, are to be march'd by Divisions, and every Officer Commanding a guard, or Detachment, will be very attentive to see, that his men march properly, and when reliev'd, to march his guard, or Detachment back to the Brigade to which they belong.— If from several Brigades, he will march them to the Grand Parade before he dismisses them.

Valley Forge, April 11th 1778

Brigadier . . . . . Poor
. . Lt Colo Reed, & Major Dickerson
B. Major, ... Bailey
Inspector from Conway's Brigade

THE Commander in Chief earnestly calls upon all officers to pay the strictest attention to the orders of the 28. January last, respecting their mens ammunition, & in addition to that order, he directs, that when a Non-Commission'd officer, or Soldier is detected in discharging his piece, or otherwise wasting his ammunition, the first Commission'd officer he is brought before, shall order him to be tied up immediately, and receive 39 lashes on his bare back. . . . and as many soldiers, contrary to good order, often straggle into the woods, or bie places, to avoid being Detected. . . . No Soldier in future to be allow'd to carry his arms, or accoutriments out of Camp, unless upon duty, and whenever a gun is heard

in the vicenity of the Camp, the Commanding officers of Regiments, are desir'd to send off Parties under Non-Commission'd officers, to apprehend the delinquent and bring him to Immediate punishment.— The Commanding officers of Regiments and Corps, will see that this order is read to their officers and men, and the Commanders of Companies will be careful to inform all their men now absent, of this order, when they return to Camp.

Valley Forge, 12th April 1778.

Brigadier, ... MUHLENBURG
. . . COLº PARKER, & COLº BREARLEY
B. Major . . . . . HARSKELL
Inspector from HUNTINGTON'S BRIGADE

THE honourable Congress having thought proper to recommend to the United States of America, to sit apart Wednesday the 22d Instant to be observ'd as a day of fasting, Humiliation, and prayer; that at one time, & with one voice, the righteous dispensations of providence, may be acknowledged, and his goodness and mercy, towards us and our arms, supplicated and emplor'd. . . . The General directs that this day shall be most Religiously observ'd in the army, that no work be done thereon, and that the several Chaplains do prepare suitable discourses for the occasion.

The Funeral honours at the Interment of officers, are for the future, to be confin'd to a solemn procession of officers and Soldiers,

in Numbers suitable to the Rank of the Deceas'd, with revers'd arms. Fireing on these occasions, is to be abolish'd in Camp.

Valley Forge, April 13th 1778.

Brigadier . . . . . PATTERSON
. . . Lt Colo GRAY & MAJOR MOORE.
B. Major . . . . . SEELY
Inspector from VARNUM'S BRIGADE

Valley Forge, April 14th 78

Brigadier, ... MAXWELL
. . . Colo BOWMAN Lt Colo NEVILLE
B. Major, ... WALKER
Inspector from Mc INTOSH'S BRIGADE

THE General was much pleas'd in a ride thro' the lines yesterday, to see what attention some of the Brigadiers had paid to his orders, respecting the neatness, and purity of the Camp; He wishes it had been general; but the case was otherwise; and (notwithstanding repeated orders about cleanliness) the smell in some places intollerable . . . oweing to the want of necessaries, or the neglect of them: He therefore, and for the last-time, (without proceeding to extremities) requests, that all kinds of dirt, & filth . . . as well, that in front, rear, and between the Hutts; as what shall be found on the Parade, or before the doors, be rak'd together, & burnt, or buried. The Regimental Quarter Masters, are to see that necessaries, where wanted are immediately dug,

and that fresh earth be thrown into them every morning. The Brigade Quarter Masters, are to see that the offal of their Slaughter pens for the respective Brigades, is buried daily. They will be answerable for the Neglect of their duties, & will without fail, be arrested for the smallest Inattention to them. Sentinals from the Quarter guards, are to be posted at proper places, who are to make Prisoner, any Soldier who shall attempt to ease himself, any where but at a proper Necessary, and 5 lashes are to be order'd him immediately, by the Commanding officer of the Regiment to which the Delinquent belongs, for the offence, and disobedience of orders

That Soldiers may not ignorantly offend against this order it is to be read to them frequently, and the Serjeants are to take care, that all new comers are inform'd thereof, or they will become answerable themselves.

Valley Forge, April 15. 1778.

Brigadier . . . . . WAYNE
. . COLº PATTON & Lt COLº CARLTON
B. Major . . . . . TENYCHE
Inspector from WOODFORD'S BRIGADE

THE men who were drafted for the Commander in Chiefs guard, are to be included in the Pay abstracts of their Regiments till the 1st of April, after which, they will draw pay, as a distinct Corps, altho return'd on Command in their Respective Regiments

Valley Forge, April 16. 1778

Brigadier . . . . . VARNUM
. . . COLº BECKER & Lt COLº SHERMAN
B. Major . . . . . MARVIN
Inspector from SCOTT's BRIGADE.

THE Commander in Chief directs, that only one Sutler be allow'd to each Brigade, who shall have one Sutling Boothe within the limits of the Brigade, & shall sell liquor at no other; where he shall sell his Liquors at the following prices, to the Officers and Soldiers of the Brigade to which he belongs, & on no pretence to any other, under penalty of having his whole Stock seiz'd, and being render'd Incapable of ever serving as Sutler in the army again. — Whiskey, Peach brandy, Apple brandy, Cordials of all kinds, and any other home-made Spirits, 15/ Pr Gallon; Pr quart, 4/. Pr pint 2/. Pr half pint, 1/3. West india Spirits, full proof, Pr qt 15/. — a bowl of Toddy, containing half a pint of Spirits 7/6 Pr

No Persons whatsoever, besides such licens'd Sutlers, or Commissaries sent by particular States, shall sell liquors of any kind in Camp, or within 7 Miles of Camp, under penalty of having their whole stock seiz'd without payment, for the use of the army; except that the Quarter Mr General is authoriz'd to allow one of more houses of Entertainment to accommodate Travellers and Strangers, who must be necessarily in the Vicenity of the Camp. The Persons receiving their li-

cense for that purpose, giving sufficient security not to vend their Liquors to any Person belonging to the Army. The Brigadiers, & officers Commanding Brigades, are to report to the Adjutant General, the Names of the Sutlers in their respective Brigades and when any Change happens, they are to be reported accordingly

A ration for the future, shall consist of 1½ lb. flour or bread. . . . 1 lb. of Beef or Fish, or ¾ lb. Pork, and one gill of whiskey or Spirits, or 1½ le. Flour or Bread, ½ lb. Pork, or Bacon, ½ pint Pease, or Beans, one gill of Whiskey or Spirits. The Commissary is directed to Issue Rations to the army from time to time, agreeable to the former estimates, according to the state of Stors in Camp.

Valley Forge, April 17. 1778

Brigadier . . . . . Poor
. Colº Bradford, & Lt Colº Russell
B. Major . . . . . Minnis
Inspector from 2d Pennª Brigade

THE Regimental Quarter Masters are directed to go Into the Country, and make contracts with proper Persons for bringing in Milk and other Necessaries for the Sick. Such Contracts it is Expected they will compleat by the 21st Instant; after which day; no passes are to be granted to any Persons whatsoever to go out of Camp for the purpose of Purchasing

Provisions of any kind Henceforward, no officer, Soldier, or other Person belonging to the Army shall go, or send out, to purchase any of those articles which have been usually brot to Market, or bargain for them any where else than at the places appointed for Market; nor shall any of the Inhabitants expose their Marketing for Sale in any other places — The purchasers, on pain of being try'd for Disobedience of orders and the Vendors of forfeiting their whole stock brot in, — and for the more effectual discovery of any breach of this order whoever gives Information of Such breach, will be entitled to the articles thus Illicitly sold, or offer'd for Sale; or their value to be recover'd from the purchasers.

All permits to go out of Camp, are for the future, to be granted only by Brigadiers, or officers Commanding Brigades

The officer of the Guard at Sullivans Bridge, is carefully to Inspect the passes offer'd there, and make himself a Judge of their authenticity.

Returns are to be made Immediately to Lt Colo Mead at Head Quarters of all the parties that have Join'd the Regimts since the first of ye present Month, by the officers who march'd them to Camp — distinguishing the Draughts from the Enlisted, or Re-enlisted; and Similar Returns of Such parties, as shall arrive hereafter, Immediately upon their Coming to Camp

Valley Forge, 18th April 1778.

Brigadier. . . . . . MUHLENBURG
. . COLº GREEN & Lt COLONEL MELON
B. Major . . . . . CLAIBORNE
Inspector from POOR's BRIGADE

IN the Returns call'd for yesterday from the officers marching Parties into Camp — The General expects lists of the mens Names; In which, distinction is to be made of the Draughts, Re-enlisted, and others. The officers are to ascertain the Numbers that were committed to their Care in the Several States they march'd from, and account for the Difference, If any there be, between that, and the Nº they bring to Camp: They are also to note against each mans Name, the Regiment to which he belongs, and goes to. This order is Strictly to be Complied with.

Valley Forge, 19th April 1778

Brigadier . . . . . POOR
. . Lt COLº MILLER &, MAJOR WARD
B. Major . . . . . McCORMICK
Inspector from GLOVERS BRIGADE

THE Sub Inspectors, will each Superintend the Discipline of the Brigades according to the following Divisions — (Towit) Mr Tenarent, Woodford's, Scotts, and Mc Intosh's. Lt Colº Brooks, 1st & 2d Pensa Poor's and Glover's. Lt Colº Davies, Lerned's, Patterson's, Weedon's, & Muhlenburgs. . Lt Colº Barber,

Maxwell's, Conway's, Huntingdon's & Varnums.

The orderly Office will be open'd at General Varnum's old Quarters, between his, and General Huntingdon's Brigades

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Valley Forge, 20th April 1778.

Brigadier. . . . . . MAXWELL
. . . . . Lt Colo WEYSENFULLS
B. Major, ... BERRYAN
Inspector from LEARNEDS BRIGADE

PASSES sign'd by Doct Cochran, Director of the flying Hospital, to any in his Department, are to be deem'd valid

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21st April 78 —

Brigadier . . . . . WAYNE
. . Lt Colo HARNEY &, Lt Colo BUFORD
B: Major, ... BAILEY
Inspector from PATTERSON'S BRIGADE.

NO Pay-master is to be Discharg'd, but by the Commander in Chief, or Officer Commanding in a seperate Department, and none of them are to apply for Discharges, without, first obtaining, and producing, from the Pay Master General . . . Auditors of accounts, and Officers Commanding the Regiments they belong to, ample certificates, of their having setled their accounts properly with the publick, and their Regiments. This is to be Consider'd a standing order —

The Colonels, and Commanding officers of Regiments, are to make it an Invariable rule to review their respective Regiments once in every Week. . . . look into the state and condition of their mens arms, accoutriments and Cloathing, and know precisely the state of them and where every man is.

The Brigadiers, and officers Commanding Brigades are to do the same by their respective Brigades, at least once a fortnight. In a word, It is expected from both, that every possible care, and attention will be paid to keep their men together, and the Arms, Cloathing and accroutriments in good order. These are also to be consider'd as standing orders; but not to superseed the daily Inspection of the Subordinate officers agreable to former orders

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Valley Forge, 22d. April 1778

Brigadier, ... VARNUM
. Lt. Colo. COLEMAN, & MAJOR LEDYARD
B, Major . . . . . HARSKELL
Inspector from WEEDON'S BRIGADE

THE F. M. Genl. is without delay to apropriate a sufficient No. of Wheat Fields in the Vicenity of the Camp to serve as Forage ground — to allot to each Brigade, an extent proportion'd to its strength, which is to be clearly mark'd out, and to make a report of the whole at head quarters, and the Quarter M. Genl., as well, a particular return to each Brigade

Forage Master of the Proportion assign'd to his Brigade. The Commanding offr. of Brigades, are to give strict orders to prevent mutual encroachments, by exceeding the limits assign'd to each

Valley Forge, 23d. April 1778

Brigadier . . . . . Poor
. . . Lt. Colo. Bassett & Major Haws
B. Major . . . . . Seely
Inspector from Muhlenburg's Brigade

ALMOST scandalous performance has made its appearance in the Philadelphia Evening Post of the 3d. of this Month; bearing all the marks of a genuine act of Congress, setting forth, that those brave men, who have Enlisted, or have been Draughted to serve in the Continental army for any Limitted time, are nevertheless to be detain'd during the war between these United States & Great Brittain — The Commander in Chief Informs the army that this publication is as false, as 't is wicked; and it is Intended to induce those who have already Enlisted, or have been Draughted, to Desert; and to Intimidate others from engaging in the service of their Country. Our Enemies finding themselves unable to reduce us by fore (*sic*) of arms; are now practising every Insidious art, to gain time, & Disunite us; but the General hopes, that men who have struggled with every Difficulty and encounter'd every Danger, are not to be conquer'd by artifices, which are so

easily expos'd. It is necessary to give warning to such weak men, as might otherwise be Deluded, by the Traiterous promises of the Enemy; that under pretence of sending Deserters from this army, passage free to great Brittain, or Ireland, there to be set at large, they confine them on Ship board, with a view, either to force them into their Service as Seamen, or Transport them as Recruits to some Garrison —

Valley Forge, 24th April 1778

Brigadier, ... MUHLENBURG
. . Lt Colo REGNIER, & MAJOR PETERS
B. Major, ... WALKER
Inspector from MAXWELLS BRIGADE

Valley Forge, 25th April 1778.

Brigadier — . . . . . PATTERSON
. . Lt Colo OLNEY, & MAJOR MINTZES
B. Major . . . . . TENYCHE
Inspector from CONWAY'S BRIGADE

Valley Forge, 26th April 1778.

Brigadier . . . . . MAXWELL
. . Colo BROADHEAD, & Lt Colo BRADLEY
B. Major, ... MARVIN
Inspector from HUNTINGTON'S BRIGADE

THE Commander in Chief has been Inform'd, that it is a common practice for Soldiers to go about the Country, and make use of his Name to extort from the Inhabitants by way of Sale or gift any Necessaries that they want; either for themselves or others He strictly enjoins it upon Officers, to take the most effectual

measures, to put a stop to a practice so daring & Infamous; & assures all concern'd; that If any Persons shall be Detected in ye Commission of it, they will be punish'd with every circumstance of Disgrace & Severity

The Commanding Officers of Regiments are desir'd to wait on the Commander in Chief at head Quarters at 10 °Cl precisely Tomorrow morning.

April 27th 1778 Valey Forge

Brigadier, ... WAYNE
. . LT COL° VOUBER (?) MAJOR HAY
M. Brigade . . . . . JOHNSTON
Inspector VARNUMS

LT COL° Fleury is to act as Inspector, and will attend the Barron Steuben till Circumstances will admit of assigning a Division of the army — each Inspector is to be attended dayly by an orderly Serjeant, drawn by turns from the Brigade of his own Inspection, that the Necessary orders, may be Communicated, without delay —

Head Quarters Valey Forge — April 28th 1778

Brigadier . . . . . VARNUM
. . . LT COL° HARSKILL MAJOR TALBOT
Maj^r^ B. g. . . . . . MINNIS
Inspectors WOODFORD

THE Commanding Officers of Regiments, are desired to prevent their men, from Stragling, that they may be ready to turn out on the Shortest Notice. It is Expected that the Several

Brigades, will be Compleated, as Soon as possible, with forty rounds p^{r} Man— the Brigade Q. Masters, will make out Returns immediately for that purpose.— They must be Signd by the Commanding officers of Brigades. —

April — 29th 1778

Brigadier . . . . . Poor
. . . . Col^{o} Clark Major Gaskins
B: Major . . . . . Claiborne
Inspector — 1st Penns^{a}

EACH officer who mounts Guard in future, will bring his name — Regiment & Brigade; wrote on a piece of Paper, which he will deliver to the B-Maj^{r} of the day, when he is appointing them to their Several Guards —
Strict compliance with this order is expected, as it will Shorten the duty of the Parade —

Many Inconveniences having attended the order of the 17th Ins^{t} by confining the purchasing of Milk and other necessaries for the use of the Sick to the Regim^{ts} Q. Masters — Instead of that mode. a Discreet Serjiant & few men, according to the number of Sick in the Regiment, are to be Sent out daily to purchase Such articles, with passes from Commanding officers, of Brigades respectively.

In order to prevent any Disputes which may arise hereafter, among the officers of the Virginia line, relative to the Distribution of

the Drafts from that State — the following mode is to be henceforward observed

The Draughts are upon their arrival in Camp, to be brought to that Brigade, to which the officer, who Conducts them from Virginia Belongs — They are to Continue with that Brigade, for the space of 24 Hours, that they may have time to inform themselves of the Situation of the different Regiments in the line where their Relations Friends & Acquaintances are — After the expiration of the 24 Hours, They Shall be respectivly brought before the Officer Commanding the Brigade, and make their free election of Corps, which Shall be binding & obligatory, provided the Regiment they chose, Shall not be fully Compleated; In that case they are to have another choice. While the Draughts continue in the Brigade, at which they first arrive, they Shall draw provisions by order of the Commanding officer — and if they have not had the Small pox, they Shall be Inoculated by the Surgeons of S.t Brigade —

These orders are constantly to be made known to the Draughts upon their arrival, & if any Officer is convicted of making use of undue means, to induce the Draughts to Join their Regiment or Company, he may depend upon being called to Severe Account —

Complaint having been made by M.r Dewees, proprietor of the Valley Forge, that the Soldiers pull down the Houses, and break up the Fire Bays, at what is called the

New Forge, upon Valley Creek; The Commander in Chief strictly forbids all Persons from further damaging the S.d Buildings & works which he hopes will be punctually attended to — especially when they consider the great loss, which M.r Dewees, has already Suffered by the Enemy, & by the great waste which our army has been under the necessity of Committing, upon his wood, & other Improvments —

Head Quarters Valey Forge — May — 1.st 1778

Brigadier — . . . . . MUHLENBURG
. . COL.o CORTLAND L.t COL.o INNIS
B. Major. . . . . . OGDEN
Inspector — . . . . . POORS

THE Brigade Q. Masters, are daily to attend, at the orderly office, for the orders of the Quarter Master Gen.l Precisely at 3 OClock, in the afternoon, — it is expected this order will be Strictly comply.d with, or the Delinquents may depend on being Severely noticed by the Quarter Master Gen.l

As the Adjutant Gen.l is now furnish'd with the Names of all the men in the Hospitals, and the Regiments they belong to — Also of those who died, Deserted, & were Discharged, from them at different Times — Officers Commandg Regt.s & Companies, are therefore desired immediately, to apply to him, & get an Exact account of their men

Respectively, before they attest their Muster Rolls for the last month, and every month hereafter, as Such Returns are to be made Regularly for the future, to prevent the uncertainty heretofore Experienc'd — The Muster Master also & his Dep^{ty}. are order'd to be more careful hereafter, and not to certify Any Muster Rolls, unless the duty every absent man is on, or the Hospital, he is in, is mentioned in the Muster Roll,

On the day of Muster, the men are to be brought upon the parade Clean Dress'd, with their Regimentals, and with their arms & Accoutrements.— they are to be drawn up in the order in which they Stand upon their own, with arms Shouldered, and Bayonets Fix'd. — Officers Take post in front of their respective companies, and continue there during the Time of muster —

The Fiel^{d} & Staff Officers are to attend, and no Off^{r} or Soldier to be absent unless on duty, or Prevented by Sickness, — The Rolls must be made out with all Possible fairness, & agreable to the Directions given, by the Officers of Musters

Valey Forge.— May 2d —1778

Brigadier — . . . . . PATTERSON
. . Lt Colo BRENT MAJOR JOHNSTON
B. Major. . . . . BERRYAN
Inspector from GLOVER

THE Commander in Chief Directs, that Divine Service be perform'd every Sunday at 11 O Clock, in those Brigades to which there are Chaplains — those which have none, to attend the place of Worship nearest to them — It is Expected, that Officers of all Ranks, will by their attendance, Set an Example to their men

While we are Zeallously performing the duties of good Citizens, & Soldiers, we certainly ought not to be inattentive to the higher duties of Religion. To the distinguish'd Character of Patriot, it Should be our highest Glory, to add the more distinguish'd Character of Christians.

The Signal instances of providential goodness, which we have Experienced, and which have now almost Crown'd our Labours with compleat Success, demand from us in a peculiar manner, the warmest returns of Gratitude & Piety, to the Supreme author of all good —

Head Quarters Valey Forge — May — 3ʳᵈ 1778

Brigadier . . . . . MAXWELL
. . . . COLº WEYSEN MAJOR THAYER
Major of Brigade . . . . . BANNISTER
Inspectors from LEARNEDS

IN future, no guard in camp is to be suffer'd to remain on duty more than 48 hours, without being reliev'd

On monday next, the Several Brigades will begin their Exercise, at 6 O Clock, & Continue till 8 O Clock, in the morning; & from 5. to 6. in the afternoon — the men for guard not to attend the exercise

The Medicine Chests, from Lrᵈ Sterlings Division, to be Sent to the Yellow Springs, immediately to be fill'd by the Apothecarey Genˡ —

The Pay Masters of the Marques's, — & Genˡ Waynes Divisions are to call on the pay master Genˡ for a months pay next monday

Poors, Glovers, & the Baron DeKalbs, on Tuesday — Weedons — Muhlenburgs — the artillery — & maxwells, on Wednesday — Late Conways — Huntingtons — Varnums, & Mᶜ Intoshes, on Thursday —

Orderly Office — Valey Forge — 4th May — 1778

Brigadier — . . . . . WAYNE
. . . COL° MARTIN MAJOR HAITE
B — Major . . . . . HARSKILL
Inspectors: PATTERSONS

THE Sub & Brigade Inspectors, are to be pointedly exact, in persueing the written instructions of the Inspector Gen!, that the Strictest uniformity may be observed, throughout the whole army, they are not to practice a Single manœuvre, without his directions — nor in a Method different from it. — Any alteration or Inovation, will again plunge the army into that contariety and confusion, from which it is endeavouring to emmerge. — The hours for exercise, are also to be exactly attended to by Each Brigade; for which purpose, & that no difference may arise, on account of watches, proper attention, is to be paid, to the order of the first of last April for that of Regulating them by the, A — Gen!

The Commander in Chief Requests the Brigadiers and officers commanding — Brigades, will see these Orders Strictly comply'd with; hoping we shall not let slip, the golden oppertunity, which now presents its self, of Disciplineing the army, and that Each Brigade, will vie with the other, in arriving at the highest & earliest pitch of Excellence — For the Sake of Decency, the General hopes, the Commanding officers of Regiments will order their Necessaries to be tied with Boughs,

or hurdles, — the last tho' more troublesom at first, will always Serve, as they can easily be remov'd

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Orderly Office — Valey Forge May 5th 1778

Brigadier — . . . . . Poor
. . . . Colo Nagle Major Gilman
B. Major . . . . . Seely
Inspector — Weedons

AARON OGDEN ESQR is appointed Brigade Major, in Brigadier Genl Maxwells Brigade, & is to be respected, & obeyd accordingly — Mr Davis Beven, is appointed by the Q. Master Genl to Superintend the artificers, and to deliver out Boards, Plank, &c in future therefore, when Boards or Plank are wanting, or Artificers are necessary to do any Jobs, in the Army, an order Sign'd by a Genl Offr Officers Commanding Brigades — or Brigade Qr Masters, & Directed to Mr Bevan at Sullivans Bridge, will be duly attended to —

A flag goes into Phils next Friday —

At a Genl Court Martial, whereof Major Tyler was Presd — Gulf mills — May — 2d — 78 — John Morrel, a Soldier, in Colo H. Jacksons, Regt Tried for Desertion from his post, while on Centry, and unanimously found guilty, and Sentenc'd to be hung by his Neck, till he be Dead;

at a Brigade C. Martial, whereof Colo Bicker, was Presd april 24th 78 — Thomas

Hartnet, of 2.d Pen.a Reg.t Tried for Desertion to the enemy, and unanimously found guilty, & Sentenc'd to be hung by his neck, till he be dead — Approv'd by The Commander in Chief

The Gen.l Court martial, whereof Major Tyler, was Pres.t is Desolv;d

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Gen.l After Orders. 6 OClock — P. M, —

It having pleased the Almighty Ruler of the Universe propitiously to defend the cause of the united States of America, and finally, by raising us up a powerful friend, among the Princes of the Earth, to Establish our Liberty & Independanᶜᵉ upon lasting foundations; It becomes us to Set apart a day, for greatfully acknowledging the Divine Goodness, and celebrating the Important event, which we owe to his Benign interposition — The Several Brigades are to be assembled for this purpose, at 9 OClock Tomorrow morning, when their Chaplains will communicate the intelligence contain'd in the Postcript from the Pensylvania Gazette of the 2.d Instant; & offer up a thanks giving, and deliver a discourse Suitable to the Occasion — At half after 10 OClock, a Cannon will be fir'd which is to be a Signal, for the men to be under arms —

The Brigade Inspectors, will then Inspect their dress and arms. . . . Form the Battalions according to the instructions given them, and announce to the Commanding officers of Bri-

gades, that the Battalion is form'd. — The Brigadiers or Commandants, will then appoint the Field Officers, to command the Battalions. . . . After which, each Battalion will be ordered to load & Ground their arms — At half after 11, a Cannon will be fired, as a signal for the march — upon which, the Several Brigades, will begin their march, by wheeling to the right by platoons, & proceed by the nearest way to their ground, in the new Position — This will be pointed out by the Brigade Inspectors — A 3^{d} Signal will be given; upon which their will be a discharge of 13 Cannon — when the 13th has fir'd a Runing fire, of the Infantry, will begin on the right of Woodfords, & Continue thro'-out the whole front line — it will then be taken up on the left of the 2^{d} line, and continue to the right. — upon a Signal given, the whole army will Huzza — long live the King of France — The artillery then begins again, and fires 13 Rounds — this will be Succeeded by a general discharge of the Muskitry, in runing fire — Huzza, and long live the Friendly Uropean Powers. — Then the last discharge of 13 pieces of Artillery will be given followed by a general runing fire — and Huzza to the *American States.* — there will be no exercise in the morning, and the guards of the day, will not parade, till after the Feudejoy, is finish'd; when the Brigadier Majors, will march them out to the grand Parade — The Adjutants then

Tell of their Battalions into eight platoons, And the Commanding Officer, will Reconduct them to their camp, marching by the left — Major Gen.l L.d Sterling, will command on the right, and the Marques De. La. Fayette, on the left, &, the Baron DeKalb, the 2.d line — Each Major General, will conduct the 1.st Brigade of his Division, to its ground —
The other Brigades, will be conducted by their Commanding officers in Seperate Columns — the posts of each Brigade, will be pointed out by Baron Stubens Aids — Major Walker, will attend L.d Sterling — Major De Ponezs, the Marques D. L. Fayette, — & Cap.n Lendfant, the Baron DeKalb — the line is to be form'd, with an Interval of 3 feet between each line — Each man is to have a Gill of Rum — The Quarter Masters of the Several Brigades are to apply to the Adjutant Gen.l, for an order on the Commissary of Military Stores, for the Number, of Blank Catridges, that may be Wanted —

Orderly Office, — Valey forge. 6.th May — 1778.

Major — General . . . . . .
Brigadier Gen.l — . . . . . Mc Intosh
Colo Malance Major Ellison
B — Maj.r . . . . . Marshall
Inspector from — Weedon

THE Commander in chief, being more desirous to reclaim than Punish offenders; and willing to Show Mercy to those who have been misled by designing Traitors, and that as many

as can, may participate the pleasures of this Truely Joyfull day — is pleased to pardon, Wm Mc Math, of the artillery — & John Marrel, of Colo Jacksons' Regiment, now under Sentence of Death, & orders their immediate reliefe, from confinement; hoping that Gratitude to his clemency, will induce them in future, to behave like good Soldiers

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Brigade Orders — May — 7 — 78

At a Brigade Court Martial, whereof Lt Colo Farmer was President — May 3rd 1778 — Devall Stripe, a Soldier, Tried for deserting from the Detachment with which he was Sent — The Court are of opinion, that the Prisoner Shall receive Thirty nine lashes — approved and ordered to be put in execution this evening at Retreatbeating, in The Regiment to which he belongs —

W — Stewart *Comdt*

The above Court Martial is Disolv'd, and an other ordered to Sit this day 11 OClock A M, for the trial of Such prisoners as Shall be brought before them — Major Falknier, is appointed president

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Orderly Office, *Valey Forge, 7th May, 1778*

Brigadier, ... Muhlenburg
. . Lt Colo Farmer Major Varnon
B Maj. r, ... Tenyche
Inspector, from Muhlenburgs

Brigr Maxwell, Colo Broadhead, Colo Brewer Lt Colo Shermon — Lt Colo Harskill Majr Hopkins, Majr Porter

	C.	S.	S.	C.	P.	D & F
Picquet	1.	1.	1.	1.	17	
Detachment . . .	1.	2.	2.	2.	48	

THE Detachment to be on the Grand Parade, this Evening 4 OCl

12 Captains — 24 Subs; 24 Serjiants — 24 Corporals — 4 Drum & fifes & 576 Privates, to be Paraded, at. 4 OClock, this afternoon precisely — prepar'd for a Weeks Command — Two light Field pieces are to be attach'd to this command — Colo Vanschaik's Regt will mount the Picquet at Cuckolds Town, Till farther orders —

Wm Barber Esqr is appointed A D Camp, To Majr Genl Ld Sterling vice Major Mc Williams, who is Resign'd, & is to be respected accordingly

The Honourable Congress have been pleas'd, by the Resolution of 3d Febr last, to require all Officers, as well as civil as Military holding Commissions under them, to Take & Subscribe, the Following oath or affirmation, according to the Circumstances of the parties

Appendix

At a Council of war held at Perth Amboy
September 17th 1776 — Present

The Honble Brigr Genl HUGH MERCER

Brigadier Generals	*Colonels*
PHILEMON DICKINSON	CLEMENT BIDDLE D. Q. M. G.
DANIEL ROBERDEAU	
MATHIAS WILLIAMSON	SAMUEL GRIFFIN D. A. G.

Mr J. MERCEREAU *attended this Council.* —

GENERAL MERCER proposed to the Council that an Attack be made on Statten Island — he lay'd before them a general return of the Troops on the Jersey Posts from Fort Constitution to Amboy — A Report of a person employd to go on Statten Island who had penetrated to the Centre of the said Island & obtaind Information of the State of the Troops there — and a letter from Colo Ford informing of two Ships passing from Long Island to Statten Island wch he supposed might convey a reinforcement — Mr. Mercereau pointed out the posts of the Enemy by the Map — General Mercer desires the advice of this Council of the best Plan for carrying on the Attack of the said Island — It was the general Opinion that we were not prepared nor our Troops fitt for such a Service

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